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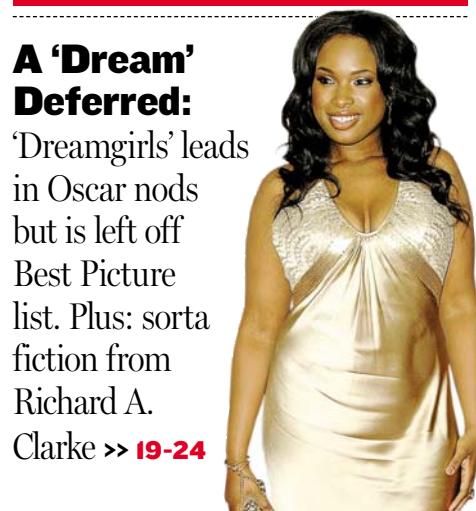
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Bush: 'America Must Not Fail'

President touts war plan, energy reform in State of the Union

WASHINGTON | President Bush, confronting a skeptical Congress and American public, struck back Tuesday at opponents of sending more troops to the war. He asserted that "America must not fail in Iraq" and insisted his plan offered the best chance of success.

Facing a major political showdown over his strategy, Bush said in remarks prepared for his State of the Union address that "the consequences of failure would be grievous and far reaching."

In his address, Bush sought to revive his troubled presidency with proposals to expand

health insurance coverage and slash gasoline consumption by 20 percent in 10 years. But the war was issue No. 1.

Bush was hampered by his lowest approval ratings in polls as he prepared to speak before the first Democratic House and Senate in 12 years.

"Congress has changed but our responsibilities have not," the president said. "We are not the first to come here with government divided and uncertainty in the air. Like many



Bush

before us, we can work through our differences and achieve big things for the American people."

The administration sought to make Bush's energy initiatives — in particular a 20 percent cut in gasoline usage by 2017 —

an eye-catching centerpiece of his address. "It is in our vital interest to diversify America's energy supply, and the way forward is through technology," Bush said. TERENCE HUNT (AP)

♦ **On video:** The Democratic response and analysis by the Post's Mike Abramowitz | washingtonpost.com/politics

100,000 March for Slain Journalist in Turkey



RALLY CRY: Mourners hold signs reading "We are all Armenians" and photos of slain Turkish-Armenian editor Hrant Dink during his funeral in Istanbul, Turkey, Tuesday. Dink was gunned down in broad daylight Friday. ♦ **Fighting words:** Dink's views on killings of Armenians stirred anger | **Page 7**

TRANSPORTATION | It's Called a CARpool An Idaho Falls, Idaho, felon was arrested Tuesday for stealing a \$90,000 front-end loader and using it to take his girlfriend's kids to school, KIDK-TV reported. Police were looking for the front-loader and two



other pieces of heavy construction equipment that were reported stolen when officers saw the loader on the road. Besides theft, Shawn Pruitt was also charged with using the loader to flip over a car. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**



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DRUNKENNESS

Testimony Had to Be Repeated Four Times

A Louisville, Ky., judge ordered a new trial in a case in which a juror sipped vodka throughout the trial. Judge Geoffrey Morris said new trials may be granted only in the most extreme circumstances. But "the inexcusable, disruptive behavior of this juror was so extraordinary as to render this relief appropriate," Morris said. The case involved a lawsuit brought by a woman who claimed she was injured when a garbage truck ran into her car. The jury foreman told Morris that the juror had been disruptive and uncooperative during deliberations, and eventually became so inebriated she could not participate. (AP)

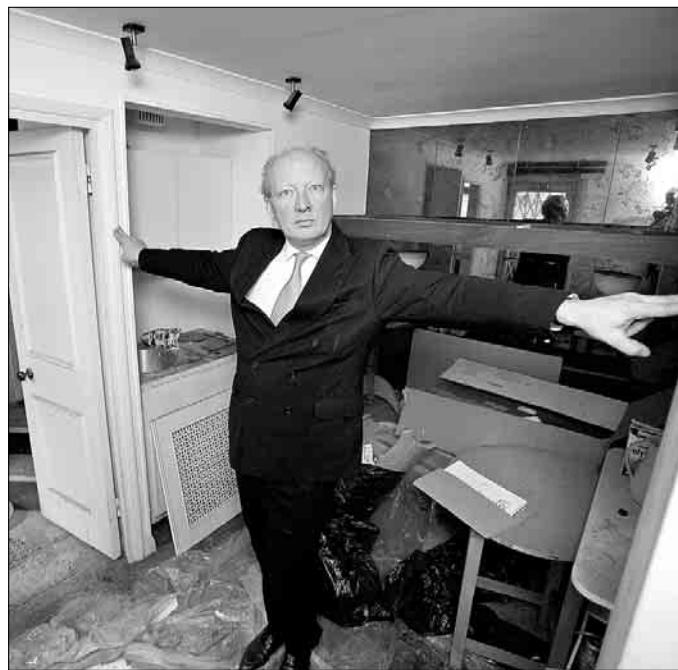


EVIDENCE GATHERING

Undercover a Little Too Under the Covers

Australian municipal officials have paid private detectives thousands of dollars to have sex with prostitutes to gather evidence needed to shut down illegal brothels. Nine city councils have paid private investigators \$19,700 over the last three years to go undercover and root out the illicit trade. Nick Ebbeck, the mayor of the Kuringai council, which is reported to have spent \$5,400 in the last month employing detectives to have sex with prostitutes, said extreme measures were necessary.

"We have to employ private investigators to actually go through with the act and come up with reports that will suffice in a court process," he said. (AP)



LEFT: PETER AKS/SAP

CRIBS

Unreal Estate

Location, location, location. Almost anywhere else, the tiny dilapidated studio condo wouldn't attract much more than mice. But this is London, and the 77-square-foot former storage room — slightly bigger than a prison cell and without electricity — in the Knightsbridge neighborhood is going for \$335,000. The closet-sized space may be only "about the size of a ship's galley," said real estate agent Andrew Scott, who's handling the sale. "But it's permanently anchored to one of the wealthiest neighborhoods in the world." (AP)

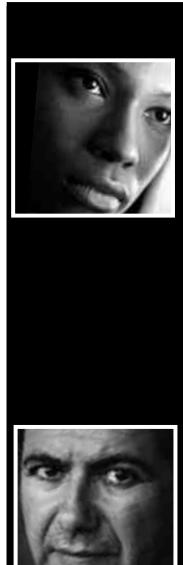


"Honey, did you stuff a couch cushion into the dog door for some reason?"

OBESITY

There's a Mountain Lion in Our Door!

Hercules, a 20-pound stray whose girth got him stuck in a pet door in Gresham, Ore., while he was trying to plunder some dog food is back with his owner. Owner Geoff Ernest of Portland was reunited with his tubby tabby Thursday at the state Humane Society. Jadwiga Drozdek found the feline stuck in the dog door of her home last week, helped free him and gave him a plate of food on her patio. (AP)



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GORE FEST: Former Vice President Al Gore may fare better when the Oscar ballots are counted than he did in the 2000 presidential election. His film, "An Inconvenient Truth," is nominated for best documentary and best song for "I Need to Wake Up."

Nation

In Brief



Francisco Torres is arrested in connection with the 1971 death of a police officer.

SAN FRANCISCO

8 Arrested in '71 Police Death

Eight men were arrested Tuesday in the 1971 killing of a San Francisco police officer that authorities say was part of a black power group's five-year effort to attack and kill law enforcement officers in San Francisco and New York. Police said all eight are believed to be former members of the Black Liberation Army, a violent offshoot of the Black Panther Party. (AP)

DEL RAY, FLA.

Woman Finds Mummified Baby Inside Storage Unit

A woman cleaning out her dead parents' rented storage unit discovered a partially mummified baby boy, wrapped in a 1957 newspaper and stuffed inside a suitcase-within-a-suitcase. The body will be sent to a forensic anthropologist to determine the cause of death and whether the baby was born alive, authorities said Tuesday. The woman "was a little rattled at first" and wondered, "Could this be a sibling?" said a police spokesman. (AP)

Petraeus: 'Situation in Iraq Is Dire'

Army general stresses patience in committee hearing on Bush plan

WASHINGTON | The Army general who would carry out President Bush's new war plan urged a skeptical Congress and American public Tuesday to be patient, but acknowledged "the situation in Iraq is dire."

"None of this will be rapid," Lt. Gen. David Petraeus told the Senate Armed Services Committee. "The way ahead will be neither quick nor easy."

Many in Congress, including some Republicans, oppose Bush's plan, which would send an extra 21,500 U.S. troops to Iraq as part of a revised strategy for quelling sec-



IN COMMAND: Army Lt. Gen. David Petraeus, who would carry out President Bush's new war plan, said, "The way ahead will be neither quick nor easy."

tarian violence in Baghdad and stabilizing the country. Before Bush's build-up began in recent days, there were 132,000 U.S. troops there.

In a sign of the strain of the Iraq war, the top generals in the Army and Marine Corps voiced concern to a House committee Tuesday about the military's ability to respond to other world crises.

"We have examined other war plans and our capability to respond to those plans, and we see that we are lacking in some areas in our ability to do so," said Gen. James Conway, commandant of the Marine Corps.

"We feel we would be able to respond with those forces that are not committed to Iraq or Afghanistan — that the response would be slower than we might like," he said.

ANNE FLAHERTY (AP)

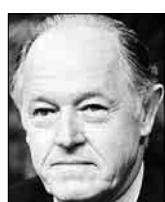
Watergate Figure Hunt Dead at 88

Ex-CIA officer helped organize break-in that led to Nixon's downfall

MIAMI | E. Howard Hunt, who helped organize the Watergate break-in that led to the greatest scandal in American political history and the downfall of Richard Nixon's presidency, died Tuesday. He was 88.

Hunt died after a lengthy bout of pneumonia, according to his son, Austin Hunt.

The elder Hunt was many things: World War II soldier, CIA officer, organizer of both a Guatemalan coup and the botched Bay of Pigs invasion, and author of more than 80 books, many from the spy-tale genre.



Hunt

Yet the bulk of his notoriety came from the one thing he always insisted he wasn't — a Watergate burglar. He often

said he preferred the term "Watergate conspirator."

"I will always be called a Watergate burglar, even though I was never in the damn place," Hunt told the Miami Herald in 1997. "But it happened. Now I have to make the best of it."

While working for the CIA, Hunt recruited four of the five actual burglars — Bernard Barker, Virgilio Gonzalez, Rolando Eugenio Martinez and Frank Sturgis, who all had worked for Hunt a decade earlier in the Bay of Pigs invasion. (AP)

Congressional Pensions at Risk

WASHINGTON | Lawmakers convicted of crimes such as bribery, fraud and perjury will be stripped of their congressional pensions under legislation the House passed Tuesday in the latest effort by Congress to refurbish its scandal-scarred image.

The 431-0 House vote comes just four days after former Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio, received a 30-month prison term for taking political favors from disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff. The House bill, like its Senate counterpart, is not retroactive. (AP)

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Libby Cast as a Scapegoat

Defense opens case by
arguing White House
was protecting Rove

WASHINGTON | Top White House officials tried to blame vice presidential aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby for the 2003 leak of a CIA operative's identity to protect President Bush's political strategist, Karl Rove, Libby's defense attorney said Tuesday as the aide's perjury trial began.

Libby is accused of lying to FBI agents, who began investigating after syndicated columnist Robert Novak revealed that a Bush administration critic, Joseph Wilson, was married to CIA operative Valerie Plame.

When the leak investigation was begun, White House officials publicly cleared Rove of wrongdoing but stopped short of doing so for Libby. Libby, who had been asked to counter Wilson's criticisms, felt betrayed and sought out his boss, Vice President Dick Cheney, lawyer Theodore Wells said.

PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/AP



I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, the former chief of staff for Vice President Dick Cheney, and his wife, Harriet Grant, arrive for his trial in Washington on Tuesday.

"They're trying to set me up. They want me to be the sacrificial lamb," Wells said, recalling Libby's end of the conversation. "I will not be sacrificed so Karl Rove can be protected."

Rove was one of two sources for Novak's story. The other was then-Deputy Secretary of State Richard

Armitage. Nobody, including Rove and Armitage, has been charged with the leak. Libby is accused of lying to investigators and obstructing the probe into the leak.

The White House declined to comment on the ongoing Libby trial. MATT APUZZO (AP)

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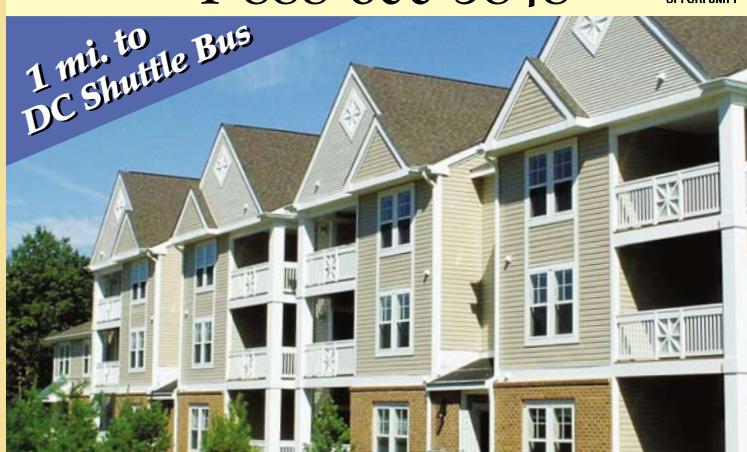
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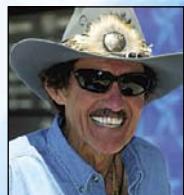


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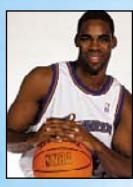
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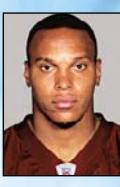
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LONG STROKE: He's conquered the Danube, the Mississippi and the Yangtze. Now Slovene swimmer Martin Strel, 52, is preparing for his biggest challenge yet: to swim the mighty Amazon River. Strel's "One Man vs. The Amazon" begins Feb. 1 in Atalaya, Peru.

World

In Brief

JERUSALEM

Israeli President Facing Indictment on Rape Charge

Israel's attorney general said Tuesday he intends to indict President Moshe Katsav on charges of rape and abuse of power, the most serious accusation against a top leader in



Katsav

Israel's history. A final decision on the indictment, which accuses Katsav of forcing himself on his female employees for years, would be made only after Katsav is given the opportunity to present his case. If indicted, Katsav would be Israel's first sitting president to be charged with a crime. (AP)

MOGADISHU, SOMALIA

Ethiopian Troops Begin Withdrawing From Somalia

Ethiopian troops whose military strength was crucial to helping Somalia's government drive out a radical Islamic militia began withdrawing Tuesday, raising fears of a power vacuum unless peacekeepers arrive soon in this chaotic nation. Ethiopia's government spokesman, Zemedkun Tekle, confirmed the pullout but gave no details. (AP)

MOSCOW

Top Court Upholds Decision To Close Down Rights Group

Russia's highest court on Tuesday upheld the decision to close down a rights group which has been fiercely critical of the government's handling of the military campaign against separatists in Chechnya and alleged human rights abuses there. Rights advocates and critics have denounced the closure of the Russian-Chechen Friendship Society as the Kremlin's attempt to silence opposition of its conduct in the violence-torn southern region. (AP)



FLY CRY: Nearly half of the world's waterbird species are in decline, mostly due to economic development and the effects of climate change, a new survey finds. (AP)

Opposition Protests Flare in Beirut

Hezbollah-supported demonstrations erupt into clashes, killing 3

BEIRUT, LEBANON | Hezbollah-led protesters burned tires and cars and clashed with government supporters Tuesday, paralyzing Beirut and areas across Lebanon in the worst violence yet in the pro-Iranian group's campaign to topple U.S.-backed Prime Minister Fuad Saniora.

At least three people were killed and dozens injured as the two camps battled each other around street

barricades with stone-throwing and in some cases gunfire. Black smoke poured into the sky over Beirut from burning roadblocks.

The fighting quickly took on a dangerous sectarian tone in a country whose divided communities fought a bloody 1975-1990 civil war. Gunmen from neighboring districts in the northern city of Tripoli — one largely Sunni Muslim, the other largely Alawites, a Shiite Muslim offshoot — fought each other, causing two of the fatalities.

The day gave a frightening glimpse of how quickly the confrontation between Saniora's gov-



ernment and the Iranian-backed Hezbollah and its allies could spiral out of control.

In the evening, the opposition announced it would call off the roadblocks and the nationwide general strike that sparked the unrest, saying it had delivered a warning to the government. But it threatened more protests.

The Hezbollah-led opposition is growing increasingly frustrated after two months of sit-in protests outside Saniora's offices failed to force him to step down or form a new government giving the opposition more power. ZEINA KARAM (AP)



Turks holding signs that read "We are all Armenians" march in Istanbul Tuesday.

Thousands Mourn Slain Editor in Turkey

ISTANBUL, TURKEY | More than 100,000 mourners choked the streets of Istanbul for the funeral Tuesday of an Armenian journalist whose slaying sparked debate about freedom of expression and whether Turks of different ethnic groups can live together.

"We are all Armenians!" chanted mourners in an extraordinary outpouring of affection for editor Hrant Dink, who had made enemies among nationalist Turks by labeling as genocide the mass killings of Armenians toward the end of the Ottoman Empire. Dink was gunned down Friday

outside his bilingual Turkish-Armenian newspaper, Agos.

Through his newspaper, Dink sought to encourage reconciliation between Turkey and Armenia. But he chose a dangerous path by making public statements about the mass killings of Armenians by Turks in the early 20th century — remarks that landed him in court and drew death threats.

Police were questioning seven suspects in the slaying, including a teenager, Ogun Samast, who authorities said has confessed to the shooting, and Yasin Hayal, a nationalist militant. (AP)

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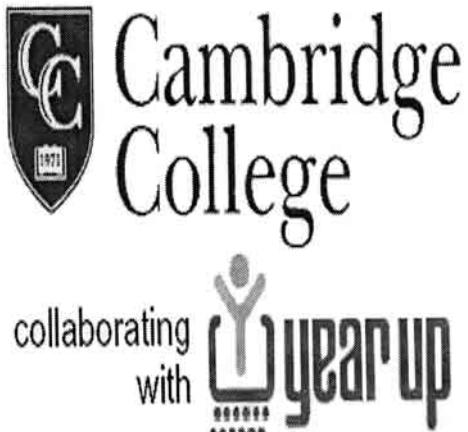
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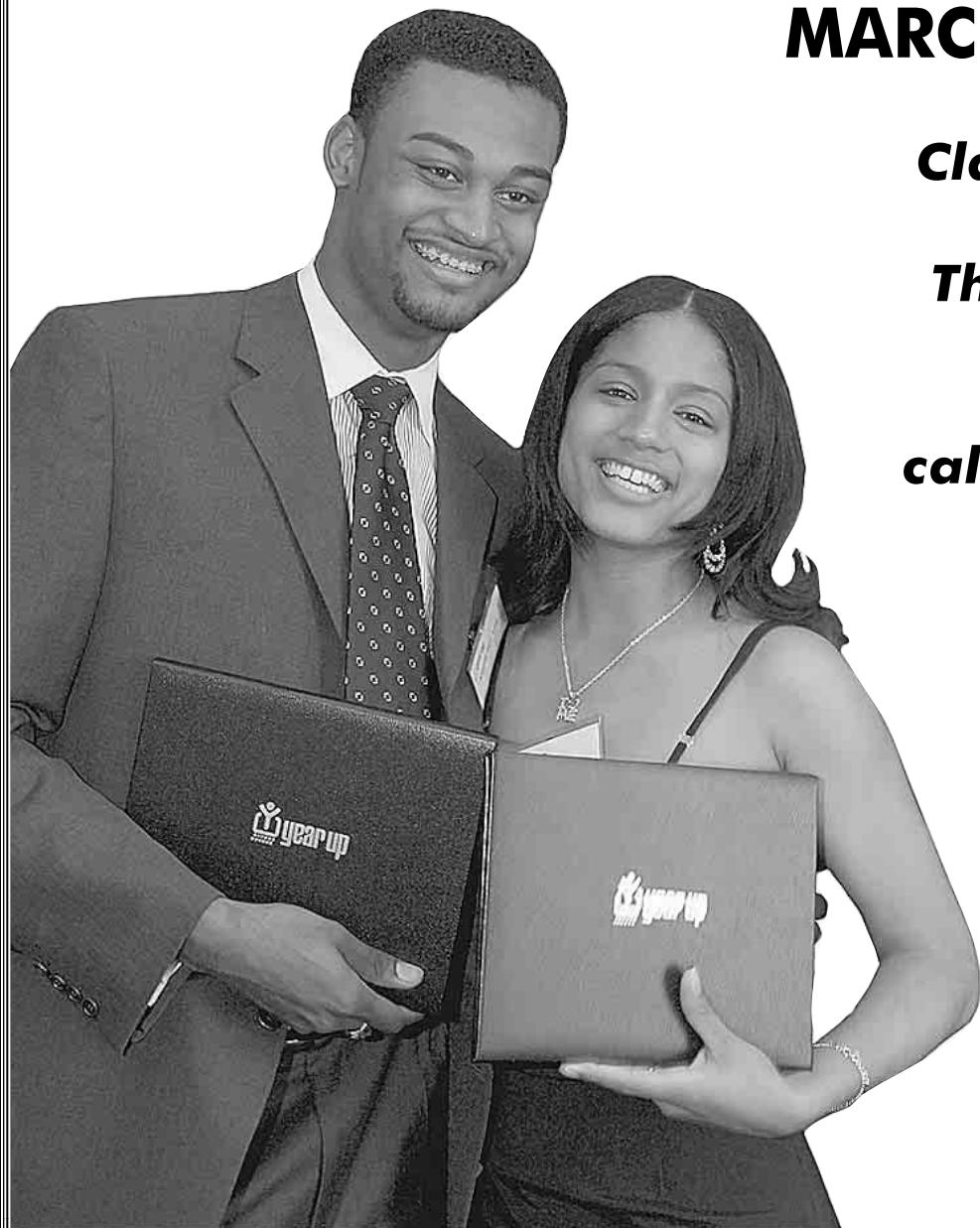
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A woman reacts to the scene of a car bomb attack in the predominantly Shiite district of Karrada in Baghdad on Tuesday. Four people were killed in the explosion.

Iraq Copter Crash Kills 5 Americans

Craft owned by U.S. firm reportedly shot down over Sunni area

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Insurgent fighters pressed their surprising and bloody new offensive in the capital Tuesday when a private U.S. security company helicopter crashed as it flew over a dangerous Sunni neighborhood in central Baghdad during a gunbattle, a senior Iraqi military official said. U.S. officials said five Americans on board were killed.

The Iraqi official said the aircraft was brought down by a machine gunner over the Fadil neighborhood on the east side of the Tigris River. A U.S. military official in Washington, however, said there was no indication in initial reports that the aircraft, owned by Blackwater USA, had been shot down.

A second U.S. official in Bagh-

dad said the five killed were Americans. All the officials demanded anonymity because the details had not been made public.

The U.S. military also announced three more troop deaths, a Marine killed Sunday and two soldiers killed on Monday that raised the three-day toll since Saturday to 31.

The first two weeks of January had been surprisingly calm in the capital.

But what were believed to be al-Qaeda in Iraq-linked militants brought the peaceful period to an abrupt end on Jan. 16 when they bombed two buses at al-Mustansiriya University as classes were letting out, killing at least 70.

Iraqi police and morgue officials, meanwhile, reported at least 52 people were killed in sectarian violence on Tuesday, including 27 bodies that were dumped in Bagh-

dad. STEVEN R. HURST (AP)

China Confirms Anti-Satellite Test

BEIJING | China confirmed Tuesday it conducted an anti-satellite weapons test, nearly two weeks after the event prompted questions about Beijing's motives.

Both Washington and Tokyo have expressed concern over the Jan. 11 test in which China used a missile to shoot down one of its

own old weather satellites.

In China's first public comment about the test, Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said Beijing has shown a "responsible attitude" by offering explanations to the U.S. and Japan and insisted Beijing has all along "upheld the peaceful use of outer space." (AP)



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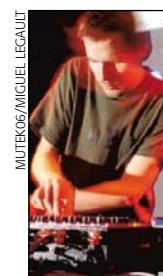
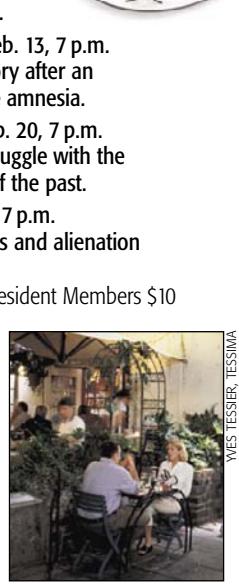
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Thurs., Feb. 8, 6:30 p.m.

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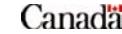
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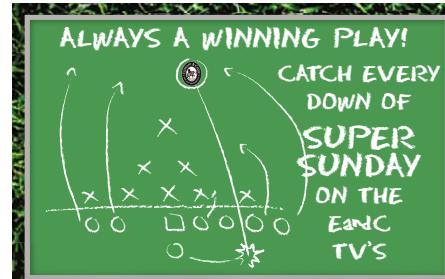
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Man Left In Van Is Recovering

96-year-old forgotten for 18 hours in church vehicle during snowfall

ALEXANDRIA, VA. | A 96-year-old nursing home resident was recovering from hypothermia Tuesday after he was left alone for 18 hours in a church van as temperatures dipped below freezing.

Prostler Samuels was found by an Old Town Alexandria church employee Monday, shivering in a parked van near the church where he had attended Sunday services, police said. About an inch of snow fell in the area Sunday, followed by freezing rain.

Samuels remained hospitalized in good condition Tuesday, police said.

Authorities were looking into the actions of the Woodbine Rehabilitation Center and trying to determine how an employee of Alfred Street Baptist Church had forgotten Samuels, who was in a wheelchair.

Church employees were very upset over the incident, said deacon James Garrett. He said the van's driver had been taking Samuels and others to and from the church services for about a year. (AP)

Shuttle suspension: Officials stop ride-to-church service while investigation continues. *Today's Post, Metro*

Energy Brought to D.C. Auto Show

Fuel-efficient engines and clean technology at forefront of events

WASHINGTON | Automakers highlighted their work to develop clean and fuel-efficient technologies at the Washington Auto Show on Tuesday, hours before President Bush outlined an energy agenda that could shape the industry's future.

DaimlerChrysler AG touted a new heavy-duty diesel pickup truck that would meet stringent emissions standards in 2010, while Ford showed off a fuel-cell hybrid electric vehicle with plug-in capability.

In several presentations at the car show, the industry stressed its work to reduce the nation's dependence on imported oil and



Ford's vice president of environmental and safety engineering, Sue Cischke, introduces a Ford plug-in hybrid, the Edge, at the Washington Auto Show on Tuesday.

its efforts to develop alternative technologies.

The events were aimed at key policy makers in Washington and came in the context of Bush's State of the Union address later in the day.

White House officials said Bush would call on Americans to reduce gasoline consumption by up to 20 percent by 2017 through a major increase in alternative fuels and an increase in gas mileage standards for vehicles.

Alexander Karsner, an Energy Department assistant secretary for energy efficiency and renewable energy, told industry officials that prototypes and concept vehicles were a positive step, but the nation needed millions of alternative vehicles to meet the energy challenges.

KEN THOMAS (AP)

Allbritton Starts Political Tabloid

ARLINGTON, VA. | Allbritton Communications on Tuesday launched The Politico, a free tabloid with an estimated circulation of 25,000 aimed

at political junkies and Beltway insiders, and its companion Web site, Politico.com.

The Politico debuts amid fierce competition in Washington political journalism. But The Politico has garnered attention by snagging high-profile journalists to run the paper.

Two of The Washington Post's top political journalists — editor John Harris and reporter Jim VandeHei — left to become The Politico's editor in chief and executive editor, respectively. Reporters have been lured from Time, U.S. News and World Report and others. (AP)

D.C. Rail Ban Challenged

→ The fate of a District law banning hazardous materials from rail cargo was in federal court Tuesday, nearly two years after the prohibition was enacted. | *Today's Post, Metro*

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Mid-day Pick 3 **3-9-7**

Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)

Mid-day Pick 4 **9-9-3-3**
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.) **9-6-5-5**
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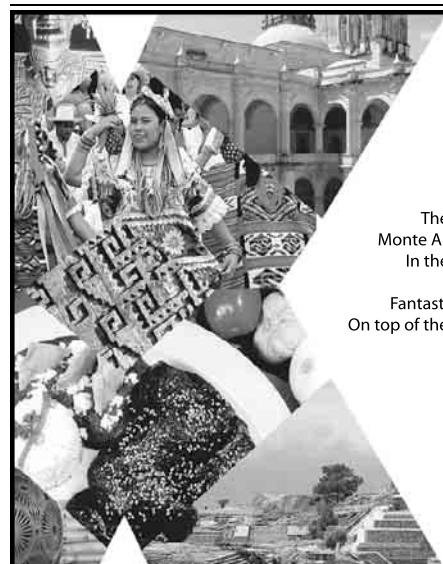
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Mid-day Pick 4 (Tues.) **1-5-0-4**
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.) **4-7-7-1**

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"I don't like the way it looks, either. But there's nothing I wouldn't do to support my school or the Lady Vols." — Tennessee men's basketball coach Bruce

Pearl, who took his shirt off and painted his chest for the women's game against Duke on Monday.



Sports



All-Star Starter a New Look in D.C.

Ovechkin will become the first Caps player to start since 1986

CAPITALS | The last time a Washington Capital was named to start the NHL All-Star Game Ronald Reagan was president, Mr. Mister was about to hit No. 1 and Alex Ovechkin was less than a year old.

Defenseman Rod Langway, whose jersey number now hangs from the Verizon Center rafters, represented the Caps as a starter that day in 1986. Ovechkin will do the same tonight in Dallas, and the significance is not lost on either the popular second-year star or the NHL.

"It's a big honor for me, and for Capitals hockey and for Russian hockey," Ovechkin said. "It will be a good experience for me."

That experience includes a variety of off-ice activities, including Monday's Reebok uniform unveiling, filming an NHL commercial, a Habitat for Humanity event and the crush of autograph seekers



Alex Ovechkin, right, chases a puck in his All-Star uniform during a practice skate on Monday. Ovechkin will be the first Capital to start an All-Star Game since 1986.

that follows Ovechkin from city to city. The league invites each team's media relations staff to the game, but they specifically requested the Capitals send someone.

Along with Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby, Ovechkin now is the smiling face of a league still trying to

recover from the cancellation of the 2004-05 season. In fact, Wednesday night's All-Star Game is the first in three years.

Veteran All-Stars have spoken about how much they're looking forward to seeing the pair on the national stage for the first time. The two were

rivals for last year's rookie of the year award and likely will be compared throughout their careers. Their All-Star linemate, Buffalo's Daniel Briere, also has a history with Ovechkin. Ovechkin was suspended one game for checking Briere from behind last

"He's already proven to a lot of people that he's an elite player. But he wants to win a [Stanley] Cup."

Capitals General Manager George McPhee on the team's goals for Alex Ovechkin | Today, Sports

IN The Washington Post

month, and Briere responded after Christmas by spearing Ovechkin in the groin.

"They're both great players so I'm looking forward to playing with them," Ovechkin said diplomatically, adding that he was hoping to add some noteworthy autographed sticks to his collection while in Dallas. "It's just a fun game. I'm there just to have a good time." BRIAN STRAUS

Tank Johnson leaves court after a judge ruled he could travel to the Super Bowl.

Johnson Can Travel To Miami

Awaiting criminal charges, Chicago DT can play in Super Bowl

NFL PLAYOFFS | Chicago Bears defensive tackle Tank Johnson will play in the Super Bowl — with court approval and a warning from a judge to stay out of trouble.

Cook County Judge John Moran granted a defense request Tuesday to allow Johnson to leave the state as he awaits trial on gun possession charges. The Bears will play the Indianapolis Colts in the Super Bowl in Miami on Feb. 4.

Moran set no special restrictions on Johnson but said he must obey the law "or dire consequences will result."

Defense attorney Lorna Prokes said Johnson is grateful.

"He is a young man who is right now having the opportunity of a lifetime," Prokes told reporters after the hearing.

Johnson was arrested Dec. 14 after police raided his home in Gurnee, about 40 miles northwest of Chicago. Prosecutors say officers found three rifles, three handguns and ammunition in Johnson's home. He faces 10 counts of possession of firearms without a state gun-owner identification card.

Arrested three times in 18 months, Johnson has pleaded not guilty to the most recent charges.

CARLA K. JOHNSON (AP)

New Nuggets Are Feeling Like Gold

Back from suspension, Anthony says the possibilities are endless

NBA | Maybe this wasn't the best year for George Karl to take his team on the road for some training camp bonding.

These Denver Nuggets aren't the same ones who gathered in Pueblo, Colo., in October.

Joe Smith, Andre Miller, Earl Boykins and Julius Hodge are all playing in the East now. Kenyon Martin is a sidelined spectator, and the backcourt now consists of Allen Iverson and Steve Blake.

In their minds, the Nuggets' season started anew Monday night when Carmelo Anthony, the league's leading scorer, returned from his 15-game punishment for fighting and teamed with A.I. for 51 points, 13 assists, countless highlights and open looks all around in an emphatic win



Carmelo Anthony hugs Allen Iverson at the end of Denver's 115-98 victory.

115-98 win over Memphis.

"It was fun," Iverson said. "The future looks bright for us."

With everybody getting open shots and Marcus Camby hold-

ing things down in the paint, the Nuggets suddenly look like a contender.

"We have something really special," forward Eduardo Najera said.

Just wait, advised Anthony.

"We ain't even clicking the way we're going to be clicking next month or the month after that," he said. "March and April, that's the best time to click. I think once we get our stuff together, it's going to be trouble."

Iverson is already calling this the most talented team he's ever been on, and that's saying a lot for a man who led the Sixers to the NBA finals in 2001.

"It's not even close," Iverson said. "I could go through the whole squad and name somebody that can impact a game. I have never been a part of a team like that. I feel like I can play four more quarters. Usually after a game, I'm done."

ARNIE STAPLETON (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

HOCKEY (8 P.M. ON VERSUS) The NHL All-Star Game returns for the first time in three years — thanks to the lockout in 2005 and the Olympics in 2006.

HOYAS HOOPS (7:30 P.M. ON ESPN2) Georgetown gets a chance to show off at home on national television when it hosts DePaul.

TERPS HOOPS (9 P.M. ON CH. 20) The Terps return home after two disappointing road games to host Georgia Tech.

BASKETBALL (9 P.M. ON ESPN) San Antonio gets a banged-up Houston team when the Rockets travel across the state.

TENNIS (3 P.M. AND 9:30 P.M. ON ESPN2 AND 3:30 A.M. ON ESPN) It's nearing the end of the Australian Open, which is down to quarterfinal and semifinal action.



BACK AGAIN: D.C. United
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Carroll led the team in
minutes last year and has played in 90
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Sports

Roddick Advances To Open Semifinal

American will face off against the world's best, Roger Federer

TENNIS | Andy Roddick was ruthless, treating his close friend like little more than warm-up fodder for his semifinal showdown with Roger Federer.

The 2003 U.S. Open champion flattened Mardy Fish without blinking Tuesday, making only four unforced errors in a 6-2, 6-2, 6-2 quarterfinal win at the Australian Open.

"I played pretty flawless, I thought," Roddick said. "I feel good going into the semis."

Roddick said he could remember making more errors in one game than he had in the entire match against Fish, who lived with him in Boca Raton, Fla., for a while and went to his high school.

"I tried my best to kind of put our friendship to the back of my head," Roddick said. "You know, it's



Andy Roddick hits a backhand during his match against friend Mardy Fish.

always difficult. It's a weird, weird situation."

At the forefront of his mind is how to beat Federer, something he has not managed since Montreal in 2003.

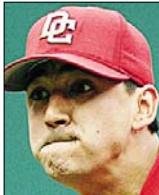
The defending champion encountered tricky wind conditions at Rod Laver Arena and a difficult opponent, looking nervous at times during a 6-3, 7-6 (2), 7-5 win over No. 7 Tommy Robredo. (AP)

O'Connor's Comeback Schedule Is Uncertain

Surprise starter for the Nats last season hopes to throw this spring

NATIONALS | Mike O'Connor provided one of the few pleasant surprises for the Washington Nationals early last season by jumping to the majors and pitching well.

Then he began to struggle, though, and eventually needed surgery.



O'Connor

five spots up for grabs.

"Michael is not going to be ready to compete in spring training for one of those jobs," manager Manny Acta said Monday, when the Nationals opened their Winter Caravan with an event at Kimball Elementary School in Southeast Washington. "He's still in that rehab stage right now."

O'Connor had arthroscopic surgery on his left elbow in early November, and a small cartilage defect was found. He's hoping to start throwing about a week before the team opens spring training in Viera, Fla., next month.

"We're going to take our time with him. I mean, he pitched well enough for this ballclub last year that he doesn't need to come out there and rush and try to impress me," Acta said. HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)

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NO FISHING: The Tennessee Titans won't allow the Cowboys to talk with coach Jeff Fisher about leaving the team to coach in Dallas. Fisher, who has spent 12 years with the Titans, is the NFL's longest-tenured coach with one team and is under contract for 2007.



Sports

Terps Sinking Out of ACC Picture

Maryland is 1-4 in the tough conference after starting the year well

TERPS HOOPS | A once-promising season has turned into a desperate struggle for Maryland.

Off to its worst start in the Atlantic Coast Conference since the 1992-93 season, Maryland stands a half-game out of the league cellar. Unless they turn it around in a hurry, the Terps could end up missing the NCAA tournament field for the third year in a row.

It's hard to imagine Maryland (15-5, 1-4) in this situation after it started the season with eight straight wins to get into the Top 25. Since then, however, the Terrapins are a lackluster 7-5.

Their inconsistency has been dis-



The Terrapins failed to control the glass in a disappointing loss to Virginia last week. Maryland is 1-4 in the ACC and hosts Georgia Tech on Wednesday night.

played over the last four games: a home loss against Miami, an uplifting win against Clemson and then defeats at Virginia and Virginia Tech. The last one went into overtime, which made it only a bit easier to tolerate.

"I'm surprised we're 1-4. It can happen, but that's five out of 16 [ACC games]," coach Gary Williams said Tuesday. "That's how we look at it. We feel that we played well our last game. Naturally, we'd have liked to win, but we didn't. So we're 1-4."

If the Terrapins are to achieve a winning record in the league — often a prerequisite for qualifying for the NCAA tournament — they need to get on a roll. They hope to begin the process Wednesday night at home against Georgia Tech.

"We're going to be around. We're going to be here all year; we're going to win games," Williams insisted. (AP)

Study Finds One In 10 HS Football Players Obese

FOOTBALL | Researchers at Iowa State University found nearly half of the offensive and defensive linemen playing on Iowa high school teams qualify as overweight, and one in 10 meet medical standards for severe obesity.

"These are 15- and 16-year-old boys that have a weight and body-mass ... that as they enter adulthood puts many at a very adverse health condition," said Dr. Joe Eisenmann, co-author of the study and a professor in pediatric exercise physiology.

The study appears in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

Researchers believe the study is one of the first — and most comprehensive — appraisals of obesity in high school football. (AP)

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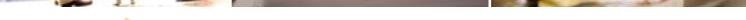
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Travel

Wrestling Mania

Jump into Mexican culture with a trip to see Lucha Libre

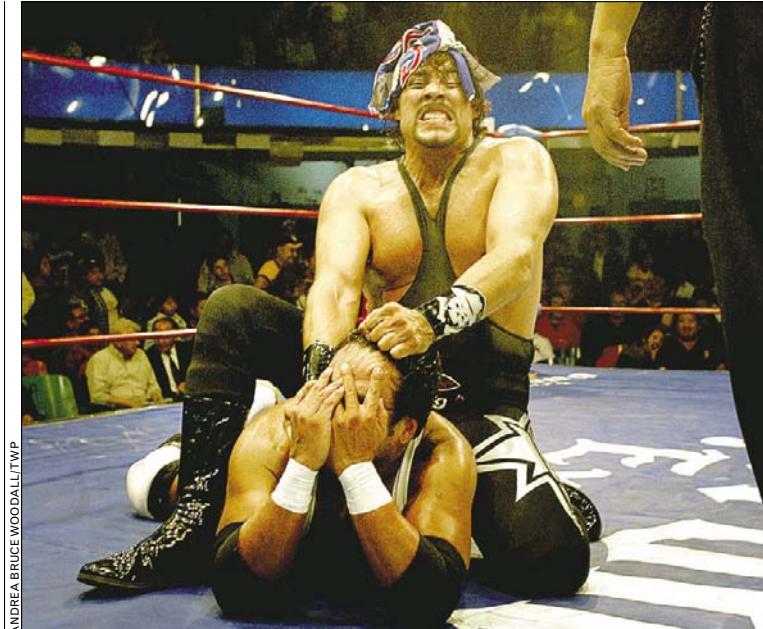
SOUTH OF THE BORDER | A masked Aztec god, the muscles of his chest outlined in black tattoos, launches from the top rope of the ring, glittering feathers streaming from his costume.

Below, a pair of little people in yellow spandex hold down another masked wrestler in a spread-eagle position. The flying Aztec flips and plunges through the thin fog of dry ice hovering over the mat. He lands with a thwack and the crowd groans with pleasure at the sight of a perfectly executed desnucadora (power bomb neck breaker).

The Aztec rolls his opponent onto his back and the referee slaps the mat: "Uno, dos, tres..." Still, it's not over. Using his knee, the Aztec shoves his opponent's face into the mat; with one hand he pulls his victim's head back into a quebradora de a caballo (camel clutch chin lock), and with the other hand tugs the man's mask away, dealing a death blow ... to the loser's pride.

It's just another night of Lucha Libre, Mexico's in-your-face brand of professional wrestling. Lucha Libre which translates to "free fighting," is second only to soccer as the country's most popular sport. The use of masks mimics traditions of the original Aztecs, who wore them into battle to inspire fear, and has been popular since the sport began in Mexico City in the 1930s.

Today, you can find masked warriors duking it out almost anywhere



COVER-UP: When a Lucha Libre wrestler takes the mask off an opponent, it's considered a death blow to his pride. Wrestling rivals soccer for popularity in Mexico.

in Mexico on almost any night of the week. All major cities, including Guadalajara, Monterrey and Tijuana, have at least one venue for matches with wrestlers from the two major professional leagues, the CMLL and the AAA.

The best place to take in the action is Arena Mexico in Mexico City. Known as the Catedral de Lucha Libre, it's the CMLL's home base and the most prestigious wrestling stadium in Mexico, hosting big name stars and the truest-to-tradition fights. Matches generally take place on Friday, start at 8:30 p.m., and last until around 11:00.

Part of the fun is deciphering all of Lucha Libre's uniquely detailed rules. Whatever arena you choose, fellow fans include everyone from

middle-class families with kids to masked older men with dates in tow. Dolled-up teenage girls scream for the oiled-up técnicos (heroes) who strut in accompanied by buxom, bikini-clad dancers. Matches are fought tag-team style; the teams can be made up of a combination of men and women, including minis (little people).

Thanks to an enthusiastic fan base and a growing industry, it's remarkably easy to track down a match. The CMLL web site, cmll.com, lists upcoming events in Mexico. In each Mexican town, promoters place ads for matches in newspapers and the magazines *Lucha 2000* and *Boxy Lucha*, as well as on the chat boards of TV stations Univision and Galavision. **EDWARD NAWOTKA (BUDGET TRAVEL MAGAZINE)**

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VANILLA RAP: Who knew that Coldplay's pasty leader, Chris Martin, would become hip-hop's favorite go-to rocker? In addition to working with Timbaland and Jay-Z, Martin is slated to appear on Kanye West's forthcoming CD, "Graduation."



Entertainment



AT LEAST LEO HAS 'BLOOD DIAMOND': DiCaprio and Nicholson weren't nominated for "The Departed," but Martin Scorsese was.

Magical Movies

Oscar nominees a broad range of films — with no clear leader

PICK ME! The musical "Dreamgirls" led Academy Awards contenders Tuesday with eight nominations, but was shut out in the best picture category. "Babel" was

close behind with seven, including best picture and acting honors for two newcomers to U.S. audiences, Mexico's Adriana Barraza and Japan's Rinko Kikuchi, as well as a best director nomination for Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu. The gothic fairy tale "Pan's Labyrinth" had six nominations, including best foreign-language film.

Other best-picture nominees included "The Departed," "Letters From Iwo Jima," "Little Miss Sunshine" and "The Queen."

Going into nominations day, the best-picture competition looked unusually wide open, with no consensus on a favorite to bring home the Oscar on Feb. 25.

The best-actress category fea-

tured a record 14th nomination for two-time Oscar winner Meryl Streep in "The Devil Wears Prada." Also nominated was Helen Mirren in "The Queen," Penelope Cruz in "Volver," Judi Dench in "Notes on a Scandal" and Kate Winslet in "Little Children."

Best-actor nominees were Forest Whitaker in "The Last King of Scotland," Leonardo DiCaprio in "Blood Diamond," Ryan Gosling in "Half Nelson," Peter O'Toole in "Venus" and Will Smith in "The Pursuit of Happyness."

"The Departed" marks Martin Scorsese's return to the cops-and-mobsters genre and is considered his best shot to finally win an Oscar. Inarritu and Scorsese were joined in the best-director category by Clint Eastwood for "Letters from Iwo Jima," Stephen Frears for "The Queen" and Paul Greengrass for "United 93."

Oscar voters snubbed comedian Sacha Baron Cohen for "Borat," however, he did get a nomination for best adapted screenplay for "Borat." The comedy front did bring supporting nominations for Alan Arkin and Abigail Breslin in "Little Miss Sunshine," though the film's leads — Greg Kinnear, Toni Collette and Steve Carell — were overlooked.

The supporting actor category also includes Mark Wahlberg in "The Departed," and the supporting actress nominees include Jennifer Hudson for "Dreamgirls" and Cate Blanchett for "Notes on a Scandal." DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

'Breakpoint' Is a Dire Warning

Richard A. Clarke's new book is fiction — but just barely

CYBER CZAR | Former White House counterterrorism czar Richard A. Clarke has reinvented himself as an engrossing novelist.

Clarke's second thriller, "Breakpoint," depicts America under a cyber siege set by shadowy enemies and follows a pair of feds as they race to uncover the perpetrators before escalating tensions between the U.S. and China

result in war.

Clarke said that although "Breakpoint" is set five years in the future and details innovations that seem fantastic, he doesn't consider the book science fiction, "because these are all real technologies that are being developed."

For more of our conversation with Clarke, visit readexpress.com

Clarke said "Breakpoint" is a warning about both America's vulnerability to an attack on our "cyber systems" and about the social disruption that will occur



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when genetic engineering, artificial intelligence and a host of other advances become more available. (Clarke was also President Bush's adviser for cyber security.)

But it's not just cyber attacks that are featured in "Breakpoint": The terrorist group "Iraqi Revenge Movement" bombs Arlington, Va.

So what does Clarke think the U.S. should do in Iraq? "Leave," the expert replied. TIM FOLLOS (EXPRESS)

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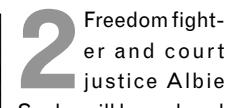
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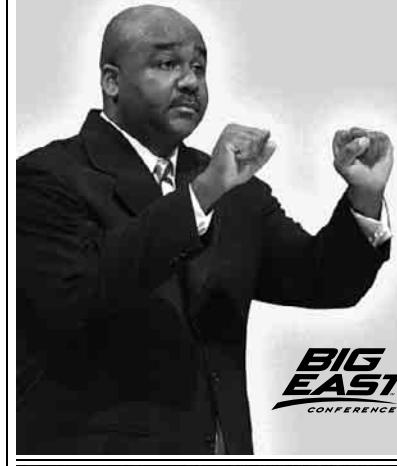
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CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG-13) DIG (745 1015)
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (104 440) 720 1005
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG (100 445) 715 1030
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100) 415 700 940
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG (1140 230 515) 800 1045
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) DIG (1135 205 430)
PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS (PG-13) DIG (1245 400) 730 1045
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ALPHA DOG (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 400) 710 1000
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13) DIG (1250 345) 645 950
HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (PG) DIG (210 435)
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG (120 430) 730 1030
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 430) 720 955
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG (130 410) 700 940
PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS (PG-13) DIG (140 440) 740 1025
CASINO ROYALE (PG-13) DIG (110 420) 725 1030
PRIMEVAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (650 935)
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THE HITCHER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1245 230 300 445) 515 730 800
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ALPHA DOG (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (230 520) 845
STOMP THE YARD (PG-13) DIG (120 210 340 420 500) 630 710 750
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ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) DIG (140 405) 640
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NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG (130 410) 700 940
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THE HITCHER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1215 245 510) 750 1020
LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (420) 720 1010
THE QUEEN (PG-13) DIG (220 500) 745 1035
BABEL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230) 700 1005
PRIMEVAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1240 310 540) 810 1040
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CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (900)
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THE HITCHER (R) ✓ 1:00, 5:20, 7:45, 10:15
ALPHA DOG (R) 1:40, 4:35, 7:40, 10:30
ALPHA DOG (R) [C] 1:40, 4:35, 7:40, 10:30
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) 1:45, 4:10, 6:55
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG13) 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 9:55
PRIMEVAL (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:10, 9:45
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG13) 9:40 PM
HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (PG) 1:05, 3:15
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) 2:25, 6:15, 9:50
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 2:35, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25
ROCKY BALBOA (PG) 2:25, 7:55, 10:25
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) 1:50
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS (PG13) 1:20, 4:30, 7:35, 10:20
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) 3:05, 6:25, 9:40
HAPPY FEET (PG) 1:10, 3:50

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NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R) 1:55, 4:15, 6:50, 9:15
BABEL (R) 2:55, 6:20, 10:00
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) 1:00, 3:45, 6:45, 9:35
PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) 1:30, 4:25, 7:20, 10:05
CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER (R) 6:40, 9:20
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 10:10
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 3:15, 4:20, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:30
THE QUEEN (PG13) 1:25, 3:55, 6:35, 9:05

AMC SPRINGFIELD MALL 10

Loisdale and Franconia Road
703-971-3991

THE HITCHER (R) ✓ 1:00, 4:30, 6:40, 8:45
ALPHA DOG (R) 5:10, 8:30
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) 4:30, 7:30
PRIMEVAL (R) 5:20, 8:45
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) 1:50, 4:50, 8:30
HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (PG) 4:40, 7:45
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 2:00, 5:00, 8:15
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS (PG13) 5:00, 8:15

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CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 4:50, 8:00
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 1:30, 4:40, 8:00

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FREEDOM WRITERS (PG13) 2:40, 5:20, 8:00
PRIMEVAL (R) 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:20
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) 2:15, 4:45, 7:30
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) 1:00, 4:25, 7:50
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 3:05, 5:30, 8:05
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) [C] 3:05, 5:30, 8:05
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS (PG13) 2:00, 4:40, 7:15

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CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 2:50, 5:15, 7:50

LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14

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202-342-6441

THE HITCHER (R) ✓ 1:00, 3:10, 5:30, 8:15, 10:20
ALPHA DOG (R) 1:40, 4:25, 7:15, 10:15
ALPHA DOG (R) [C] 1:40, 4:25, 7:15, 10:15
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) 2:05, 4:55, 7:15, 10:45
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) 3:20, 7:00, 10:40
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 2:25, 5:05, 7:50, 10:30
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS (PG13) 1:35, 4:20, 7:05, 9:50
APOCALYPTO (R) 1:09, 5:55
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) 1:20, 4:15, 7:10, 10:20
CASINO ROYALE (PG13) 3:35, 6:50

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NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R) 2:00, 5:45, 8:10, 10:35
LETTERS FROM IWO JIMA (R) ✓ 1:00, 4:30, 7:40, 11:00
PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) 1:15, 2:20, 3:55, 5:10, 6:45, 8:00, 9:40
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 1:10, 4:15, 7:20, 10:25

LOEWS LEXINGTON PARK 6

21882 FDR Boulevard
301-862-5000

THE HITCHER (R) ✓ 5:10, 7:10
PRIMEVAL (R) 5:15, 7:30
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) 4:35, 7:00
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 4:50, 7:15
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS (PG13) 5:00, 7:35

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DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 4:30, 7:25

AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18

2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Ste 886
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THE HITCHER (R) ✓ 1:05, 3:10, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
ALPHA DOG (R) 1:20, 4:05, 7:10, 9:50
ALPHA DOG (R) [C] 1:20, 4:05, 7:10, 9:50
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) 2:05, 4:45, 7:05
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PRIMEVAL (R) 2:25, 5:05, 7:25, 9:45
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) 1:30, 2:20, 4:15, 6:15, 7:20, 9:10, 10:10
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG13) 2:50, 5:10, 7:35, 9:55
HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (PG) 1:00, 3:25, 5:45
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) 8:00
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 2:15, 5:00, 7:35, 10:10
ROCKY BALBOA (PG) 4:40, 9:40
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) 2:20, 4:50
ERAGON (PG) 2:10, 7:10
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS (PG13) 1:35, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) 9:30 PM

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BABEL (R) 12:55, 3:55, 7:00, 10:05
PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) 1:45, 4:25, 7:25, 10:05
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 2:00, 4:35, 7:00, 9:25
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 1:25, 4:20, 7:20, 10:15
THE QUEEN (PG13) 1:40, 4:10, 7:15, 9:40

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16

7850 Tysons Corner Center
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NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 12:55, 2:05, 3:20, 4:35, 5:50, 7:05, 8:20, 9:35, 10:45
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS (PG13) 1:40, 4:25, 7:15, 9:55
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) 1:25, 4:30, 7:35, 10:40
CASINO ROYALE (PG) 1:05, 4:15, 7:20, 10:30

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PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) 1:50, 4:55, 7:50, 10:25
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 1:35, 4:05, 7:00, 9:30
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 1:35, 4:45, 7:40, 10:35

AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14

10300 Patuxent Parkway
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FREEDOM WRITERS (PG13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
PRIMEVAL (R) 3:00, 5:25, 7:45, 10:05
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) 1:30, 3:40, 6:20, 9:00
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG13) 9:40 PM
HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (PG) 2:00, 4:10
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) 2:40, 6:10, 9:35
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 1:40, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS (PG13) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:55
THE HOLIDAY (PG13) 6:15, 9:10

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CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 1:05, 4:00, 6:55, 9:50

LOEWS FAIRFAX SQUARE 8

8065 Leesburg Pike
703-506-9857 802

THE DEPARTED (R) 4:00, 7:00
HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (PG) 5:00, 8:00
ROCKY BALBOA (PG) 7:50
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) 4:30
ERAGON (PG) 4:50
THE HOLIDAY (PG13) 7:20
BORAT (R) 5:10, 8:00

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BABEL (R) 4:10, 7:10
CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER (R) 4:20, 7:30
THE QUEEN (PG13) 4:40, 7:40

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THE HITCHER (R) 12:30, 3:10, 5:30, 8:00, 10:35
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) 12:05, 2:20, 4:30
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG13) 12:00, 2:20, 7:20, 10:20
PRIMEVAL (R) 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:25
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) 1:25, 1:55, 3:15, 5:45, 7:45, 10:05
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG13) 7:10, 9:40
HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (PG) 12:20, 2:30, 4:40
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 2:25, 4:55, 7:25, 9:55
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS (PG13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) 7:00, 10:10
HAPPY FEET (PG) 1:35, 4:10

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THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) 12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 1:35, 4:35, 6:35, 7:35, 9:30, 10:30

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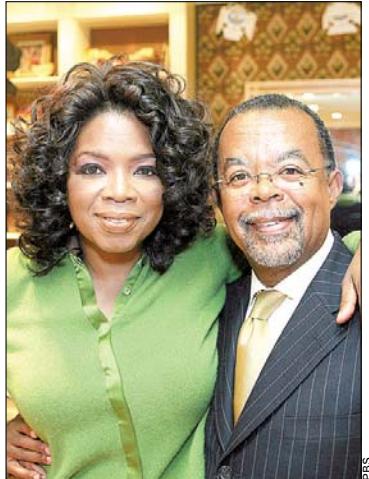
Television

DNA Discoveries

PBS traces the family history of TV's most powerful woman

ROOTS | Last winter, professor Henry Louis Gates Jr. hosted the four-part series "African American Lives," using oral history, family anecdotes, legal documents, genealogy and DNA analysis to trace the roots of several prominent African-Americans.

Gates returns with a one-hour special concentrating on the family and genealogy of only one star, or rather the one-and-only star. "Oprah's Roots: An African Amer-



POWER COUPLE: Oprah Winfrey and Henry Louis Gates Jr. get to the roots.



LAUGH-IN: HBO has picked up the comedy series "12 Miles of Bad Road," created by Linda Bloodworth-Thomason ("Designing Women") and starring Lily Tomlin as the matriarch of a wealthy Texas family with all sorts of wacky problems.

ican Lives Special" (8 p.m., PBS) revisits Winfrey's difficult childhood. Then, just as it did last year, it peels away the layers of its subject's past one generation at a time. During this hour, Winfrey discovers things about her grandfather and learns that distant ancestors shared her passion for education.

Gates does an entertaining job of exploring personal lives and presenting them in historical context. He also reveals a wealth of statistical and archival material, including land deeds and census records that make it possible to trace family history back generations. To determine Winfrey's roots beyond the Atlantic, Gates uses DNA technology to link her ancestors to a particular tribe on the West African coast.

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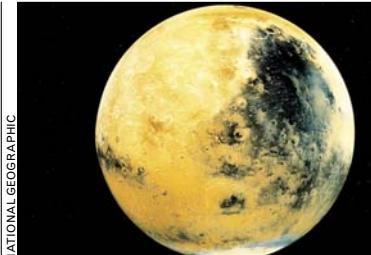
Robert Irvine hosts **DINNER IMPOSSIBLE** (10 p.m., Food Network), which debuts with two episodes back to back. Irvine's background includes a stint as chef to Britain's royal family as well as working in the White House kitchen under four American presidents. "Impossible" will ask Irvine to create memorable meals under incredible pressure.

DAD, WHY IS MY BRAND-NEW COLLEGE SWEATSHIRT BLOODY?

On tonight's repeat of **THE SOPRANOS** (9 p.m., A&E), Tony deals with some grim business while on a college-tour trip with Meadow.

BIG APPLE CROAKERS

New Yorkers audition on **AMERICAN IDOL** (8 p.m., Fox).



I THINK I SEE MARVIN'S BIG SNEAKERS!
"Is It Real?" investigates Martian life.

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IS IT REAL? (9 p.m., National Geographic) explores evidence of life on Mars, interviewing scientists and amateur researchers alike. KEVIN McDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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LOCAL CHANNELS		WRC (4) News (cc)	NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Friday Night Lights (N) (1) (cc)	Deal or No Deal (iTV) (N) (1) (cc)	Medium "Better Off Dead" (N) (cc)	News (cc)	News (cc)	News (cc)	News (cc)	News (cc)	Tonight Show	
		WTTG (5) Seinfeld (1) (cc)	The Simpsons (1)	Seinfeld (cc)	American Idol "Week 2B: Auditions 4" (Hopefuls continue to audition. (N) (1)	Knights-Prosper (1) In Case-Emer	Primetime "Medical Mysteries" (N)	News	News	News	News	News	Geraldo at Large	
		WJLA (7) News (cc)	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Armed & Famous (N) (1) (cc)	Criminal Minds "The Boogeyman" (1)	CSI: NY "The Lying Game" (N) (cc)	College Basketball Georgia Tech at Maryland. (Live)	Watch Over Me "Corpse Bride" (N)	Great Performances (DVS)	Great Performances	(:35) Nightline	
		WUSA (9) News (cc)	Evening News	News	Entertainment	Wicked Wicked Games (N) (1) (cc)	College Basketball Georgia Tech at Maryland. (Live)	Great Performances at the Met "The Magic Flute" (N) (1) (cc)	Great Performances	Great Performances	Great Performances	Great Performances	Classical music.	
		WDCA (20) Scrubs (1) (cc)	Scrubs (1) (cc)	Judge Joe Brown	Judge Judy (N) (1)	Oprah's Roots: African American	Oprah's Roots: African American	Metropolitan Opera Presents: The Magic Flute	Nature "The Best of Nature: 25 Years" (N) (cc) (DVS)	Watch Over Me "Corpse Bride" (N)	Great Performances	Great Performances	Great Performances	
		WMPT (22) The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Artworks-Week	Oprah's Roots: African American	Anti-Semitism in the 21st Century	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley (1)	Tavis Smiley (1)	Charlie Rose (N) (1) (cc)	Charlie Rose (N) (1) (cc)	Charlie Rose (N) (1) (cc)	Charlie Rose (N) (1) (cc)	
		WETA (26) BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Oprah's Roots: African American	Anti-Semitism in the 21st Century	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley (1)	Will & Grace (1)					
		WHUT (32) Business Schl	Tavis Smiley (1)	BBC World News	Moneywise	American Experience (cc) (DVS)	Anti-Semitism in the 21st Century	BBC World News	Will & Grace (1)	Will & Grace (1)				
		WDCW (50) My Wife and Kids	My Wife and Kids	Friends (1) (cc)	Friends (1) (cc)	Beauty and the Geek (N) (1) (cc)	Beauty and the Geek (N) (1) (cc)	One Tree Hill "Resolve" (N) (1) (cc)	Sex and the City	Sex and the City				
BASIC CABLE		A&E	CSI: Miami "Murder in a Flash" (cc)	CSI: Miami "Ashes to Ashes" (cc)	CSI: Miami "Broken" (1) (cc)	The Sopranos "College" (1) (cc)	(:10) The Sopranos "Pax Soprana" (1) (cc)	(1) (cc)	(1) (cc)	(1) (cc)	(1) (cc)	(1) (cc)	Bounty Hunter	
		Animal	The Crocodile Hunter (cc)	The Most Extreme "Super Sharks"	Blue Planet: Seas of Life "Deep"	Hammerhead Hammerhead sharks.	Animal Cops Houston (cc)	Blue Planet: Seas of Life "Deep"						
		BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Common. (N) (cc)	Access Granted	The Parkers (1)	The Parkers (1)	Girlfriends (cc)	Jamie Foxx						
		Bravo	Top Chef Another chef is eliminated.	Top Chef "Seven" (cc)	Top Chef "Unhappy Customers"	Top Chef "Sense and Sensuality"	Top Chef (N) (cc)	(:15) Top Chef (cc)						
		Comedy	(5:00) ★★ "Hav Plenty" (1997) (cc)	Scrubs (1) (cc)	Scrubs (1) (cc)	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Chappelle's Show	South Park (cc)	South Park (cc)	Naked Trucker	Daily Show	Colbert Report	
		Court	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Cops (1) (cc)	Cops (1) (cc)	Most Shocking "Stopped by the Law"	Forensic Files (N)	Forensic Files	Dunne: Power, Privilege & Justice	Dunne: Power, Privilege & Justice	Dunne: Power, Privilege & Justice	Murder by the Book "Faye Kellerman"	
		Discovery	It Takes a Thief (cc)	MythBusters High-tension cables.	Mega Builders Artificial reef.	MythBusters Submerged car. (N)	MythBusters Submerged car. (N)	MythBusters Cell phone interference.	Futureweapons "The Protectors"					
		DISCH	Code Blue "Crossroads" (cc)	Impact: Stories of Survival (cc)	Obese at 16: A Life in Balance (cc)	Plastic Surgery: Before and After	Really Big Unconventional Losers	Obese at 16: A Life in Balance (cc)						
		Disney	Hannah Montana	That's So Raven	Phil of the Future	Zack & Cody	"Jump In!" (2007, Drama) Corbin Bleu, Keke Palmer, David Reivers. (1) (cc)	Life With Derek	Phil of the Future	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	That's So Raven	
		E!	Dating Show	Broken Dreams	E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	Home Improvement: The E! True Hollywood Story "Home Improvement" (1)	Starveillance	High 90210	E! News	E! News	E! News	The Daily 10	
		FX	King of the Hill (1)	King of the Hill (1)	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	★★ "The Clearing" (2004) Robert Redford, Helen Mirren. Premiere.	★★ "The Clearing" (2004, Suspense) Robert Redford, Helen Mirren.	★★ "The Clearing" (2004, Suspense) Robert Redford, Helen Mirren.	★★ "The Clearing" (2004, Suspense) Robert Redford, Helen Mirren.	★★ "The Clearing" (2004, Suspense) Robert Redford, Helen Mirren.	★★ "The Clearing" (2004, Suspense) Robert Redford, Helen Mirren.	★★ "The Clearing" (2004, Suspense) Robert Redford, Helen Mirren.	
		HGTV	Look What I Did!	Rezoned	If Walls Could	House Hunters	Designed to Sell	Buy Me (1)	Design on a Dime	Design on a Dime	House Hunters	House Worth?	Junk Brothers (1)	
		Family	Everwood "Across the Lines" (cc)	Smallville "Hypnotic" (1) (cc)	★★ "Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed" (2004) Freddie Prinze Jr. (cc)	★★ "Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed" (2004) Freddie Prinze Jr. (cc)	★★ "Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed" (2004) Freddie Prinze Jr. (cc)	★★ "Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed" (2004) Freddie Prinze Jr. (cc)	★★ "Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed" (2004) Freddie Prinze Jr. (cc)	★★ "Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed" (2004) Freddie Prinze Jr. (cc)	★★ "Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed" (2004) Freddie Prinze Jr. (cc)	★★ "Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed" (2004) Freddie Prinze Jr. (cc)	The 700 Club (cc)	
		History	Modern Marvels: Inviting Disaster	Modern Marvels: Future Tech (cc)	Modern Marvels: Nature's Engineers	Modern Marvels: Renewable Energy	Modern Marvels: Environmental Tech	The Exterminator (cc)						
		Lifetime	Reba (1) (cc)	Reba (1) (cc)	Still Standing (1)	Still Standing (1)	Reba "Sister Act"	Reba (1) (cc)	"A Stranger at the Door" (2004, Suspense) Linda Purl, Perry King. (cc)	"A Stranger at the Door" (2004, Suspense) Linda Purl, Perry King. (cc)	"A Stranger at the Door" (2004, Suspense) Linda Purl, Perry King. (cc)	"A Stranger at the Door" (2004, Suspense) Linda Purl, Perry King. (cc)	Will & Grace (1)	
		MTV	Exposed (N) (1)	Exposed (1)	Sucker Free (1)	Super Sweet	Engaged	The Hills (1)	Dance Life (1)	The Real World	The Real World	Maui Fever (1)	Road Rules	
		NICK	Ned's School	Fairly OddParents	Fairly OddParents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Roseanne (cc)	Roseanne (cc)	Roseanne (cc)	Roseanne (cc)	Roseanne (cc)	
		SCI FI	Stargate SG-1 "Enemies" (1) (cc)	"Dark Prince: The True Story of Dracula" (2000) Rudolf Martin. (cc)	"Dark Prince: The True Story of Dracula" (2000) Rudolf Martin. (cc)	"Dark Prince: The True Story of Dracula" (2000) Rudolf Martin. (cc)	★★ "Mary Shelley's Frankenstein" (1994, Horror) Robert De Niro, Kenneth Branagh. (cc)	★★ "Mary Shelley's Frankenstein" (1994, Horror) Robert De Niro, Kenneth Branagh. (cc)	★★ "Mary Shelley's Frankenstein" (1994, Horror) Robert De Niro, Kenneth Branagh. (cc)	★★ "Mary Shelley's Frankenstein" (1994, Horror) Robert De Niro, Kenneth Branagh. (cc)	★★ "Mary Shelley's Frankenstein" (1994, Horror) Robert De Niro, Kenneth Branagh. (cc)	★★ "Mary Shelley's Frankenstein" (1994, Horror) Robert De Niro, Kenneth Branagh. (cc)	Frankenstein	
		SPIKE	Star Trek: Voyager "Meld" (1) (cc)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (cc)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (cc)	UFC Unleashed	TNA iMPACT! (N) (1) (cc)	UFC Unleashed						
		TBS	Seinfeld (1) (cc)	Seinfeld (1) (cc)	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	★★ "Now and Then" (1995) (cc)	
		TLC	Property Ladder (cc)	Amazing Medical Stories (cc)	Joined at the Head (N)	Untold Stories of the E.R. Car crash.	Conjoined Twins: A New Life Apart	Joined at the Head						
		TNT	Law & Order "Mother's Milk" (1)	Without a Trace "The Stranger" (1)	Without a Trace "The LittleThings"	Without a Trace "Check Your Head"	Without a Trace "The Road Home"	Las Vegas (1) (cc)						
		USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent (cc)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent (cc)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent (cc)	
		VHI	The Drug Years "Break on Through"	The Drug Years "Feed Your Head"	The Drug Years "Teenage Wasteland"	The Drug Years "Teenage Wasteland"	The Drug Years "Teenage Wasteland"	The Drug Years "Teenage Wasteland"	The Drug Years "Teenage Wasteland"	The Drug Years "Teenage Wasteland"	The Drug Years "Teenage Wasteland"	The Drug Years "Teenage Wasteland"	Surreal Life Fame Games (1)	
SPAN.		TELEM	Sala de Parejas	Noti-Telemundo	Viuda de Blanco (N)	Marina (N)	Amor Mio (N)	Amor Mio	Deciciones	Deciciones	Deciciones	Deciciones	12 Corazones	
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SPORTS		ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) (cc)	College Basketball North Carolina at Wake Forest. (Live) (cc)	NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at San Antonio Spurs. From the AT&T Center in San Antonio.	NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at San Antonio Spurs. From the AT&T Center in San Antonio.	NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at San Antonio Spurs. From the AT&T Center in San Antonio.	NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at San Antonio Spurs. From the AT&T Center in San Antonio.	NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at San Antonio Spurs. From the AT&T Center in San Antonio.	NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at San Antonio Spurs. From the AT&T Center in San Antonio.	NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at San Antonio Spurs. From the AT&T Center in San Antonio.	NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at San Antonio Spurs. From the AT&T Center in San Antonio.	SportsCenter	
		ESPN2	Tennis: Australian Open	Billiards	College Basketball DePaul at Georgetown. (Live) (cc)	Tennis Australian Open -- Women's Semifinals. From Melbourne, Australia. (Live)	Tennis Australian Open -- Women's Semifinals. From Melbourne, Australia. (Live)	Tennis Australian Open -- Women's Semifinals. From Melbourne, Australia. (Live)	Tennis Australian Open -- Women's Semifinals. From Melbourne, Australia. (Live)	Tennis Australian Open -- Women's Semifinals. From Melbourne, Australia. (Live)	Tennis Australian Open -- Women's Semifinals. From Melbourne, Australia. (Live)	Tennis Australian Open -- Women's Semifinals. From Melbourne, Australia. (Live)	Tennis Australian Open -- Women's Semifinals. From Melbourne, Australia. (Live)	
		CSN	Totally Football	SportsNite (cc)	College Basketball Virginia Commonwealth at George Mason. (Live)	Pro View	Net Impact	SportsNite (Live) (cc)	Maryland	Final Score				
NEWS		CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight (cc)	The Situation Room	Paula Zahn Now (cc)	Larry King Live (cc)	Anderson Cooper 360 (cc)	Anderson Cooper 360 (cc)	Anderson Cooper 360 (cc)	Anderson Cooper 360 (cc)	Anderson Cooper 360 (cc)	Anderson Cooper 360 (cc)	Anderson Cooper 360 (cc)	Anderson Cooper 360 (cc)
		FNC	Special Report (Live) (cc)	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith	The O'Reilly Factor (Live) (cc)	Hannity & Colmes (Live) (cc)	On the Record-Van Susteren	On the Record-Van Susteren	The O'Reilly Factor					
		MSNBC	Tucker	Hardball (cc)	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Scarborough Country	MSNBC Investigates	MSNBC Investigates	MSNBC Investigates					
MOTES		AMC	(4:00) ★★★ "Dances With Wolves" (1990) Kevin Costner. 'PG-13'	★★★ "Hoffa" (1992) Jack Nicholson. Corruption taints Teamsters union boss Jimmy Hoffa. 'R'	★★★ "Hoffa" (1992) Jack Nicholson. Corruption taints Teamsters union boss Jimmy Hoffa. 'R'	★★★ "All the President's Men" (1976) 'PG'	★★★ "All the President's Men" (1976) 'PG'							
		TCM	(5:15) ★★★ "The Greatest Show on Earth" (1952) Betty Hutton. 'NR'	★★★ "The Heroes of Telemark" (1965, War) Kirk Douglas, Richard Harris, Ulla Jacobsson. 'NR'	★★★ "The Heroes of Telemark" (1965, War) Kirk Douglas, Richard Harris, Ulla Jacobsson. 'NR'	★★★ "Detective Story" (1951) Kirk Douglas. 'NR'	★★★ "Detective Story" (1951) Kirk Douglas. 'NR'	★★★ "Detective Story" (1951) Kirk Douglas. 'NR'	★★★ "Detective Story" (1951) Kirk Douglas. 'NR'	★★★ "Detective Story" (1951) Kirk Douglas. 'NR'	★★★ "Detective Story" (1951) Kirk Douglas. 'NR'	★★★ "Detective Story" (1951) Kirk Douglas. 'NR'	★★★ "Detective Story" (1951) Kirk Douglas. 'NR'	
		HBO	The Journalist and the Jihadi: Murder	★★★ "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" (2005) Johnny Depp. 'PG' (cc)	Extras (1) (cc)	Inside the NFL (N) (1) (cc)	Inside the NFL (N) (1) (cc)	Inside the NFL (N) (1) (cc)	Inside the NFL (N) (1) (cc)</td					

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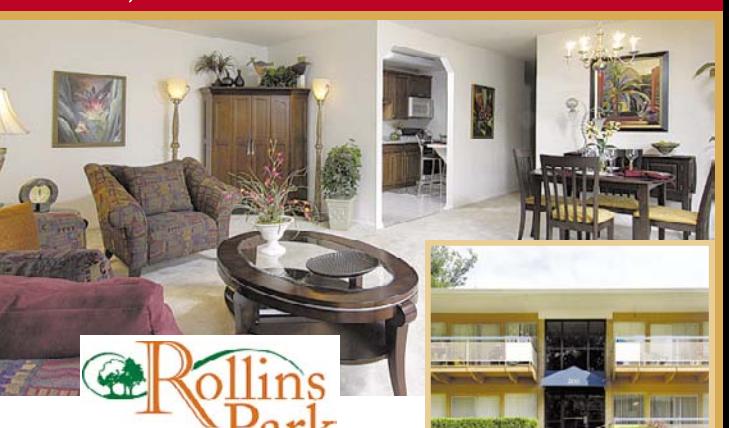
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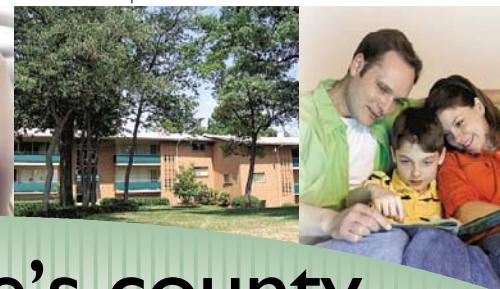
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The White House

The Bushes go for an all-American feel when eating at home

More than 30 heads of state, the nation's governors and a prince, among countless others, have dined there with President Bush, on such delectables as rack of lamb with pistachio nut crust, celery broth with crispy shrimp and warm pear souffle with caramel sauce and chocolate macaroons.

It's the White House, where only the best of anything is expected.

So, just how good are the menus?

The Associated Press asked a half dozen chefs, caterers and other foodies to press their noses up against the White House kitchen windows, so to speak, and size up the offerings as best they could without — alas — getting to taste them.

Most reviewers praised the

HOSTS WITH THE MOST

Here are some trends discovered on the White House's menu:

- A fondness for Maryland crab, kobe beef, shrimp and lamb.
- Lots of vegetables, especially asparagus, parsnips, celery, spinach and jicama. There was even a soup made of avocado and celery.
- No chicken.
- Foreign touches are made for the guest of honor. A European cantaloupe was served for Australia's prime minister.

menus as well-thought-out, showing a good balance of ingredients, classy wine selections and smart use of American products.

But Tim Zagat, familiar to those who use his city-specific restaurant guides, said the menus were "kind of strange" and full of "incongruous combinations that I'm surprised to see on a menu."

"I would be very happy to have a dish of Maryland blue crab or a dish of Meyer lemon soup or a spinach spaetzle with something that was

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seafood ... and meat, appropriate condiments and great use of American food products."

"American cuisine has evolved in such a big way" that "there's no need to do French cuisine at the White House unless you have the French ambassador," he said

Long before Comerford, the White House kitchen was run by French or French-trained chefs who served — what else? — French food.

Even the menus were written in French. Hillary Rodham Clinton ended that tradition in 1994 by hiring Walter Scheib III to serve regional American food, a focus

The First Menu

compatible with it," he said. "But to have all three at the same time is a little bit incongruous."

That trio opened a White House dinner last February for governors.

Such elaborate meals are prepared by executive chef Cristeta Comerford. She also whips up more basic and casual fare in her role as chief cook for the president and his family.

First lady Laura Bush, Comerford and social secretary Lea Berman collaborate to develop a menu based on the first lady's ideas. Comerford is "just wonderful," Susan Whitson, Laura Bush's spokeswoman, said on a voicemail message. "We can't say enough good things about her."

Chef Henry Dinardo, who opened Windows Catering in Alexandria, Va., nearly 20 years ago, said the menus show "good balance between

Laura Bush has continued.

Scheib, who left in 2005, was succeeded by Comerford, his deputy for 10 years. She debuted in November 2005 with a headline-grabbing dinner for 130 in honor of Britain's Prince Charles and Camilla.

"She's done a great job of serving American food, which is what I think should be served. It's the White House," said Ris Lacoste, former chef at 1789. DARLENE SUPERVILLE (AP)

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The Beauty of Change

Marketing

Miss America gets a makeover as it fights to remain relevant

One year after she left home in search of better fortunes, Miss America has gone totally Hollywood.

She has her own reality TV show and a catchy new ringtone, and she's giving away cash to lucky viewers. She's competing in a "pageant" again, rather than the politically correct and, some say, boring "scholarship program" of the past.

After years of struggling for relevance and viewers, the Miss America Pageant and its cable network host are attempting to market the beauty contest back into the American cultural conscience.

"There was a time when everyone knew Miss America's name, but the brand has slipped a little," said Sam Haskell, a former executive at the William Morris Agency and now chairman of the board of directors

“There was a time when everyone knew Miss America's name, but the brand has slipped a little.”

SAM HASKELL, MISS AMERICA ORG.

of the Atlantic City, N.J.-based Miss America Organization.

"We thought it was time to repolish the brand."

There are few who would argue the aging beauty queen doesn't need the help. After years as a Saturday-night television event, the pageant hemorrhaged viewers in the 1990s, eventually losing its network contract in 2004. Country Music Television picked her up and moved her to Las Vegas last year, hoping the hype would draw new viewers.

The move, though considered by some as a blow to Atlantic City and the die-hard volunteers — pageantistas — who drive the operation, generally was viewed as a success.



Miss Florida will fight to win the Miss America title and a big TV audience on Jan. 29

The pageant was aired a combined 20 times on CMT, owned by Viacom Inc.'s MTV Networks, and its sister network VH1. Although just 3.1 million viewers watched the show live — less than one-third the

viewers it last found on ABC — a total of 36 million people saw the show, including the replays.

"You can't stay status quo in this day and age or you get left behind," said Maris Schad, the volunteer

executive director of the Miss Nebraska state pageant. "You've got to find out what the public wants and try and do a little tweaking that catches their interest."

This year's marketing campaign amounts to more than a tweak. CMT, reaching 83 million households, will have run more than nine hours of Miss America-related programming before the 52 contestants take the stage for the Jan. 29 crowning at the Aladdin hotel-casino, itself also in the middle of a rebranding to the Planet Hollywood casino.

The TV blitz includes "Total Access: Miss America," a behind-the-scenes look at life under the crown, and a "Greatest Miss America Moments" special.

The new lineup also features a reality TV special, "Pageant School: Becoming Miss America," shot in Los Angeles and scheduled to air in the days before the pageant on CMT, VH1, MTV and Logo. The show follows the women through a regimen of training tips imparted by former winners and pageant "challenges" that present unanticipated obstacles, such as the question posed to Miss Nebraska: "If you could have one superpower, what would it be and why?"

"I would like to have a photogenic memory," she replied, flashing an unknowing pageant smile.

KATHLEEN HENNESSEY (AP)

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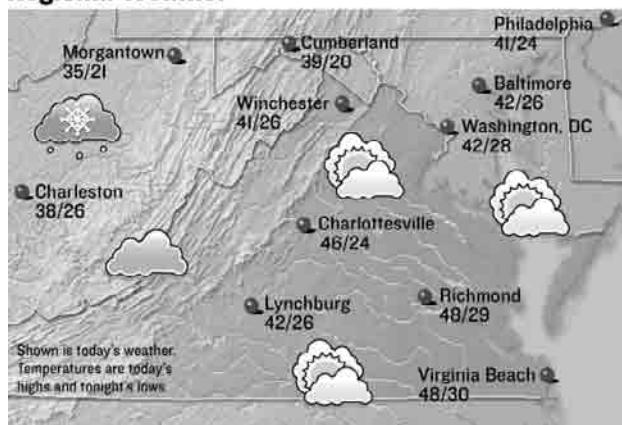
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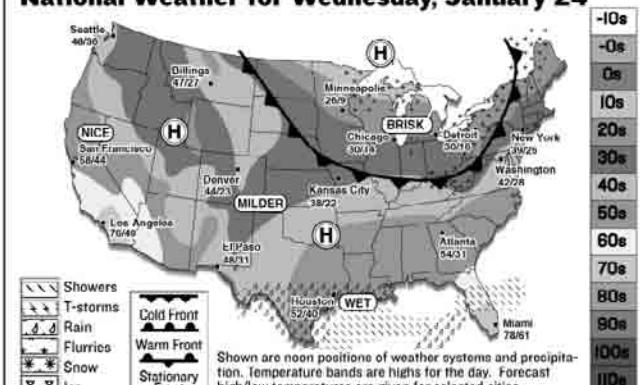
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Sunset tonight	5:20 p.m.
Moonrise today	10:24 a.m.
Moonset today	none

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National Weather for Wednesday, January 24



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Denver	44/23/s	48/23/pc	Calgary	53/27/pc	55/22/pc
Honolulu	81/67/s	81/67/s	Dublin	41/27/pc	43/34/pc
Los Angeles	76/49/s	74/49/s	Geneva	32/20/sf	25/18/c
Miami	78/61/pc	74/54/sh	Moscow	22/15/c	16/8/sn
New York City	39/25/pc	29/15/ef	Rome	48/38/sh	47/34/sh
Orlando	64/44/sh	64/41/c	Sydney	76/70/72	82/72/pc
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- Rain
- Flurries
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- Front
- Stationary Front

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Styles

LOOK out



THE MAC DADDY: An assortment of cosmetics from MAC. The brand scored highly among both black and Asian women.

Beauty Breakdown

Use of cosmetics crosses racial lines but brands do not

With hundreds of new beauty products introduced each year, one has to wonder whether there's a woman left out there who still has any room left in her cosmetics case. Yet women of all ages and all skin tones still feel they are missing products that are right for them.

"More than anything, what we hear from consumers is that there is a frustration with trying to find products that work for them," said Karen Grant, a senior beauty analyst at NPD, the consumer research firm.

Poll participants were asked,

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"Who offers products for someone like me?" A name that showed up in the top 10 in makeup across almost all ethnic groups was Bare Escentuals. Otherwise, black women chose Fashion Fair and MAC as their top two, Asian women Shiseido and MAC, and white and Hispanic women both said CoverGirl and Maybelline.

It's become an increasingly conscious decision at Bare Escentuals to offer products that work for women of all skin types, according to Staci Wilson, senior vice president of brand awareness, who noted that three darker shades of foundation were introduced last year with black women in mind.

The unique challenge for the company's BareMinerals' prod-



Black women are the top wearers of lip gloss, like KLS, above. Hispanics are most likely to use eyeliner, like the MAC products left and below.

ucts is that they all start with a white titanium dioxide power, so it took some time to figure out how to make darker pigments stick, she explained. The company is paying attention to the lightness and darkness of its color cosmetics, too.

Also, major mass cosmetics companies such as CoverGirl and Revlon have made an effort to include models of different skin tones in their advertising. For celebrity spokes-women, Revlon has Halle Berry, Eva Mendes, Kate Bosworth and Susan Sarandon, and CoverGirl has Keri Russell and Queen Latifah.

NPD's Grant added there isn't much in the way of consumer loyalty when you look at beauty habits. For example, in prestige skin care, products on the counter more than

“People will try just about anything if they think it will make them look better. Hello, Botox?!”

KAREN GRANT, NPD

one year decline in sales almost as fast as new launches are adding sales volume to the category.

"Women try a whole bunch, especially anything new ... People will try just about anything if they think it will make them look better. Hello, Botox?!" [It's] actually one of the most poisonous naturally occurring substances in the world. The quest for the fountain of youth has never ended."

A breakdown of beauty product preferences by ethnicity, according to the NPD online poll:

Asian women are the most likely to use sunscreen and after-sun products. In color cosmetics, Asians are the most likely to use bronzers and shimmer sticks.

Hispanic women are the leaders in everyday use of mascara, blush, eyeliner and lipstick.

Black women are the most frequent wearers of lip gloss and fragrance.

White women are the most frequent users of foundation, with 43 percent of Caucasian makeup wearers using foundation every day. SAMANTHA CRITCHELL (AP)

Beauty



So Mauve-alous

Now that it has snowed, we can all start looking forward to spring. Helping out is the new palette from

BENEFIT, *Hopelessly Devoted to Pink* (\$28, Sephora). This limited-edition collection has three lip colors in shades from demure to devilish, and three eye shadows that can be worn apart or together. Yes, OK, the heart-shaped mirror and the name is kind of gag-worthy, but we like it for a Valentine's Day present for a teenage girl, or just a way to lighten up your look a bit. After all, almost any skin tone can look pretty in pink.

KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Celebrities



Animal Skin Bikini Not Included. Too Bad.

Joining the ranks of old but still hot and following in the footsteps of Liza Minnelli, Diana Ross and Catherine Deneuve, Raquel Welch is the fourth beauty icon launching a line of **MAC COSMETICS**. The line, available now, is packaged in tiger-print cases (see the lead story for a good view) and has lip shades like Tiger Tiger, Screenqueen and, of course, Raquel, which is a bright coral. Eye shades include Primal, a deep brown that makes the neutral a bit naughty. k.p.k.

Lookout Online

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Why Not Panda Diplomacy?

CUTE | When you examine the actual constitutional requirements of the head of the executive branch, it's clear that President Bush didn't have to physically be on Capitol Hill to deliver Tuesday night's State of the Union address.

Article II, Section 3 of the U.S. Constitution states: "He shall from time to time give to the Congress information of the state of the union, and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient."

Thomas Jefferson shunned such in-person deliveries, thinking them too British.

It wasn't until Woodrow Wilson's presidency that the tradition of the

president delivering the speech in front of the legislative branch became customary.

So knowing that Bush has been facing dismal public approval ratings and had to go head-to-head with a hostile audience in the House chamber, Express has an alternative for the next time around: Courier the text of the address up to Capitol Hill and, instead, send Tai Shan, who enjoys high approval ratings.

Everyone loves the National Zoo's giant panda cub — maybe even tough-and-gruff Virginia Sen. Jim Webb, who delivered the Democratic Party's rebuttal.

It would have brought a calming effect to Capitol Hill, don't you



MUCH LOVE: Unlike President Bush, Tai Shan enjoys high approval ratings.

think? House Speaker Nancy Pelosi could have hugged the panda, too.

MICHAEL GRASS (EXPRESS)

A Nuclear Family Fallout

BAUER BY HOUR | Express' Matt Swenson, an admitted "24" addict, does not fear nuclear weapons, but he does fear Jack Bauer. Every Tues-

day, he recaps Fox's hit show. Here's a snippet:

"What's more explosive than a nuclear bomb going off in Valencia, Calif.? Try a family reunion, Jack Bauer style. It's taken just over five years ... to learn that Jack has a dad. He's also got a brother named Graham, played by Paul McCrane, the grouchy 'ER' doc who got his arm chopped off by a helicopter during that show's post-George Clooney era when no one watched. There's a whole backstory to this character we'll get to later, but focusing on the now, let's just say there's no warm, fuzzy moment between the brothers. ... With such drama, it's almost easy to forget four nukes are on the loose and there are just 19 hours left in the day."

→ Coming Up Today

President Bush's State of the Union address didn't get in the way of Fox airing "American Idol." Express' Arion Berger has her armchair analysis.

Poll Center

TODAY'S QUESTION

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Political Pessimism

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Madonna's Hip-Hop Horizons

"I mean she's a white mother of three. By the time her album comes out, that number might increase, and she's nearing 50, so I just don't see how the hip-hop community will find that appealing."

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Live Online

Oscar Nominees

Washington Post film critic **DESSON THOMSON** was online Tuesday at washingtonpost.com to discuss the Academy Award nominations, which were released earlier in the day.

Up until the Golden Globes, everything I had heard about "Babel" led



me to believe it was basically just "meh." Now, suddenly it's the hot ticket. Did I miss something?

It is a very watchable and engrossing movie. I would go see it. The criticism I would offer, if we want to get academic, is that it's about one inch deep. Its story is based entirely on the global connection between characters around the world but not much else. I'd still urge you to see it. I enjoyed it.

At this point, shouldn't Helen Mirren, Judi Dench, and Meryl Streep just have their own category every year? They are automatically nominated, so why not give some other

actresses a chance to win?

Ha, ha, ha. I agree. The Brits are like 7-foot-tall basketball players. It's just no fair.

I absolutely loved "Little Miss Sunshine." Why won't it win?

I did, too. Oscar looks down its nose at comedy. Which is all the more reason for them to have a comedy Oscar.

What's with Sacha Baron Cohen not getting a best-actor nomination?

What he did was a far more impressive acting accomplishment than any I can recall lately. In general, I think great comedy is harder to pull off than a weepy role but rarely gets the trophies. What do you think?

Maybe they're terrified of the speech he'd make. It's weird that the movie is nominated for adapted screenplay. For a movie that makes comedy out of its guerrilla style improv?

To me, the nominees look significantly more racially diverse than usual, which is nice — would you say that's an accurate impression? And if so, why is that the case this year? Maybe there's more racially diverse movies out there anyway. And "Babel" sort of crowns that achievement.

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People



Donald grumpy! Court take money!

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Trump Attempts to Brand Federal Court, Fails

Palm Beach officials have asked a federal court to take over a \$25 million lawsuit that **DONALD TRUMP** filed against the town, claiming it involves a constitutional question. Trump sued Palm Beach County Circuit Court after town officials threatened to fine the real-estate mogul unless he removed a large American flag atop an 80-foot pole at his Mar-a-Lago Club or apply for permits. (AP)

AILING

Legendary Filmmaker You Have Never Heard of Is Sick

FRANCO ZEFFIRELLI was in good condition at a Rome hospital after being admitted with an irregular heartbeat, his son said Tuesday. The 83-year-old Italian filmmaker was undergoing medical tests at San Giovanni hospital after being admitted late Monday with heart fibrillation, a type of irregular heartbeat. (AP)



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APOLOGIES

Isaiah Reforms, Or Pretends To

"Grey's Anatomy" star **ISAIAH WASHINGTON**, under fire for using a gay slur about a co-star, met Monday with gay-rights activists who said he agreed to help educate the public about the cruelty of such language. "He seemed very sincere in his interest in working with us in an ongoing basis," Kevin Jennings, executive director of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network. "We emphasized that this is not a one-shot deal, but an ongoing thing. He was very open to doing this." (AP)



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SARAH WAYNE CAL-LIES, who stars on Fox's "Prison Break," is expecting her first child, her spokeswoman said Tuesday. The baby is due in late summer, said publicist Jodi Gottlieb. She declined to



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provide further details, including the occupation of Callies's husband, Josh Winterhalt. Callies, 29, portrays Dr. Sara Tancredi on "Prison Break." The drama also stars Wentworth Miller and Dominic Purcell. (AP)



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EXCUSES

Sure, Blame Your Kids

ELIZABETH VARGAS told Oprah Winfrey that she wasn't forced out as co-anchor of ABC's "World News Tonight," but decided to step down when she became pregnant with her second child. "I was finding it more and more difficult to do that job the way I wanted to do it, which is 100 percent ... and still be a great mother," Vargas, 44, said Tuesday. (AP)

MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH

Scientists Find That Starring Roles Do Not Cure Depression

MANDY MOORE has a lot going for her, including a starring role opposite Diane Keaton in the upcoming comedy "Because I Said So." Even so, she says she's grappled with depression. "A few months ago I felt really low, really sad. Depressed for no reason," the 22-year-old actress-singer told Jane magazine. "I'm a very positive person, and I've always been glass-half-full," she continues. "So it was like someone flipped a switch in me. I wanted to figure out why." (AP)



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"Last year we took several steps in the right direction to improve Metrobus service and we are beginning to see those changes make a difference," says Jack Requa, Metro's Acting General Manager. "The breakdowns have been dramatically reduced due to the recent addition of 417 new buses, which entered service last year, lowering the average age of our Metrobuses to 6.6 years."

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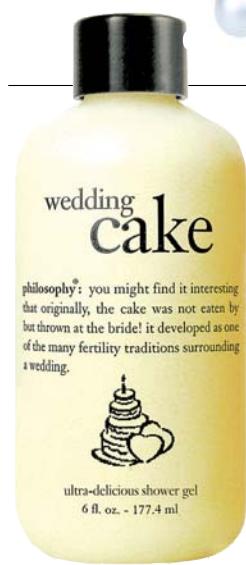


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Our undercover journey into the confusing world of diamond rings

However liberated modern couples may be, there's still really one part of wedding planning that remains solidly entrenched in Man Land. While it's true that, with some soon-to-be-weds, the groom's role is solely to write the check, we'd argue that most women would prefer a little surprise when he bends his knee. We roped a friend into posing as a ring-shopper and, with this writer as his wingwoman, headed out to four different ring destinations on the lookout for service, salesmanship and sparkle.



We knew we wanted something vintage (or vintage-inspired) and Art Deco but, other than that, we were blank slates. We also varied the price ranges at each place, so see how far our (fictional) money would go.

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We're greeted immediately by a pleasant receptionist, who calls a staffer down to help us. (We didn't have an appointment — and you don't need one — but we'd suggest



reserving time if you're going on a Saturday.) After introductions, we're escorted into a private room, where the clerk asks some basic questions about our target ring and takes us through a basic course on diamond shopping. She also astutely feels us out: He works with computers and math ("So you need it to be perfect and exact," she offered) while our writer is more left-brained ("You're here to make sure it feels right").

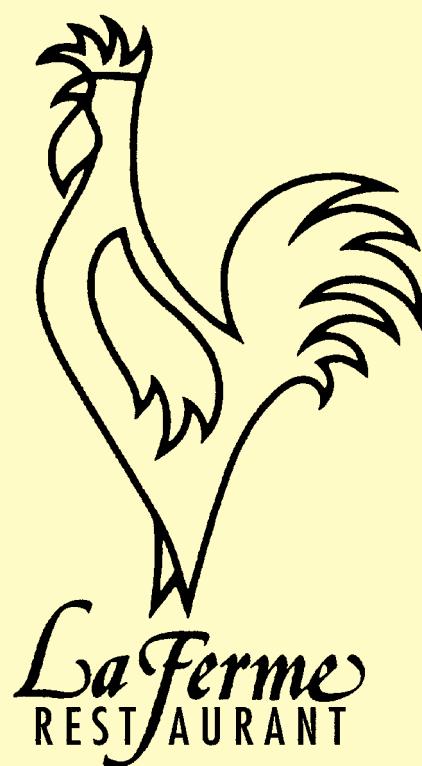
Once we decide on the cut, our staffer is off. She returns with five settings, and the process is very much like an eye-doctor appointment: Which is better, one or two? The super-modern, cathedral-style setting, or the Art Deco-looking piece? We settle on three possibilities, at which point the stones are presented. We ask to see a larger diamond in a fancier setting, and she cautions us that it'll put us over our price range. Oh well. The leading contender is a 1.01 carat diamond with an F color and VS1 clarity in a platinum setting with .22 carats of pave diamonds for \$9,396.

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BOTTOM LINE: You don't get the onslaught of choices you might at other places, but the staff takes care to bring settings that are tailored to both giver and receiver.

TINY JEWEL BOX

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With five floors of watches, jewelry and other gifts, Tiny Jewel Box isn't tiny, not really. We skipped the glittering cases of new jewelry, including engagement rings by Christian Bauer and others, concentrating instead on the vintage area.

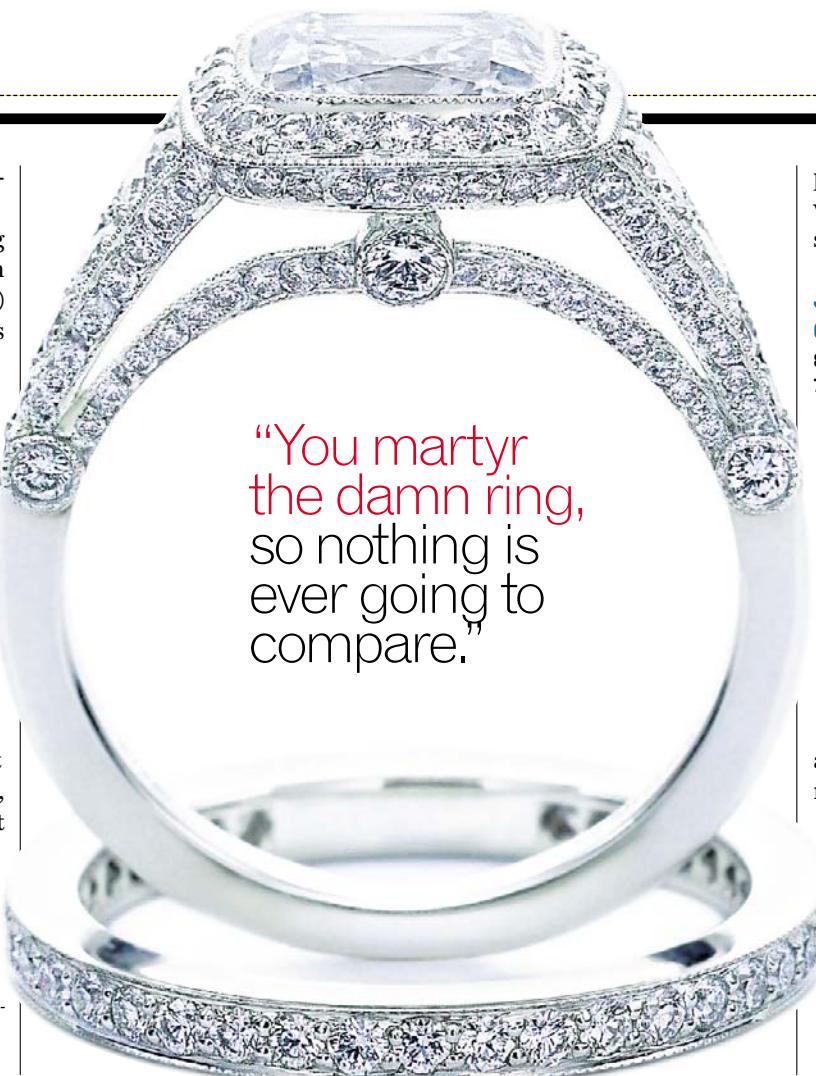
The selection of betrothal rings is quite small (around a dozen choices), but just try re-finding the 1920 piece you missed because you had to think about it. The staffer helping us warns us: "I've seen it happen, and then you martyr the damn ring, so nothing is ever going to compare."

So, if you find what you like, be prepared to plunk down the cash.

We've decided to start looking at Art Deco-esque pieces, and an Asscher-cut (a square emerald cut) 1 carat ring from the 1920s catches our eyes at \$12,480. Not everything is so expensive. A 1920s half-carat total-weight ring with diamonds scattered over the band is only \$2,700, yet looks like it belonged on the hand of a robber baron's daughter. There are also more unusual pieces, like the 1.27 carat, emerald-cut diamond ring with sapphire accents for \$14,700. None of them are "it," so the staffer actually gives us the name of another local jeweler who specializes in vintage pieces — not one associated with Tiny Jewel Box, just "a very good neighbor." One last suggestion: Wear comfortable shoes, because there's no place to sit in the vintage section.

BOTTOM LINE: Small selection means we can't promise the

The Tiffany Legacy ring (starts at \$15,000) and wedding band (\$2,350).



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perfect ring, but if you're buying vintage, there's more than enough sparkle here.

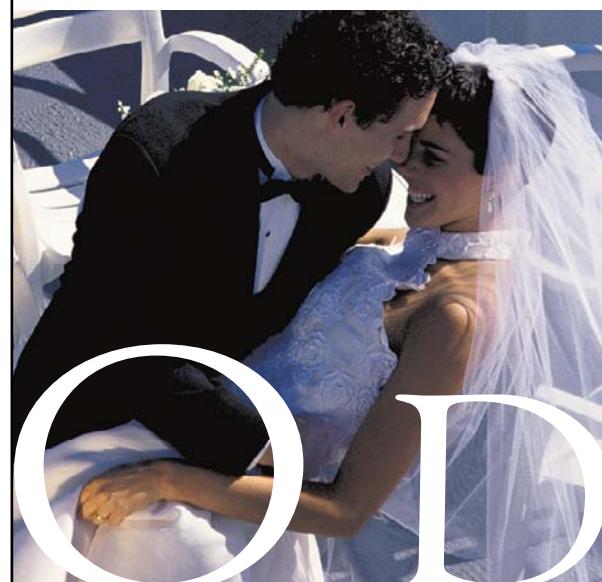
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It's easy to feel intimidated upon seeing the rows and rows and rows of settings ("Over 700!" says our perky staffer), all of them peering hopefully up at you, like a pound puppy. We take a seat and, with the aid of our helper, eventually settle on three possible settings, even though we've seen fewer than half the available options (there are just so many!). Our favorite is a platinum band with half-moon diamonds on either side of the center stone, which the staffer assures us is "very unique."

The thing is, with the corporate, mall-like feeling of the store, how can anything here be unique? We don't want our fictional ring-bearer walking

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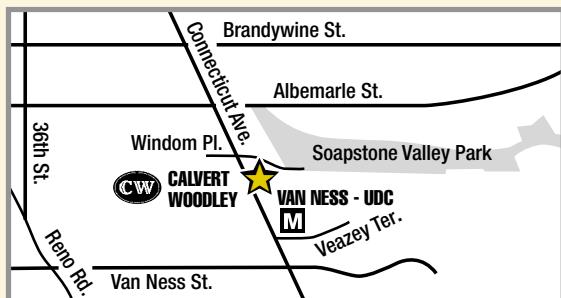
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around with the equivalent of Gap khakis on her hand. We find an appealing 1 carat, cushion-cut, H color, VS1 clarity diamond: With the \$4,129 setting, the \$3,700 diamond puts us at \$7,829.

There is pressure to use Jared's financing, even after our buyer asserted that he wouldn't need it, which kind of smacked of used-car sales. Rings are available within two hours, Lenscrafters-style, so our buyer could have proposed that

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CUT: This is the shape of the diamond. Try to figure out what she'd like before plunking down the fifth "C" — your cash.

night, should he have wished. The perks of such a large company — on-site financing, a warranty (that costs extra) that covers repairs at any Jared across the country — are tempting. But the vibe — the easy-listening music, the strong suggestion that, no, really, we should totally do the financing, because rings are expensive, and so you might need that money for something else — left us cold.

BOTTOM LINE: The expansive selection would suit the shopper who wants to see everything, but the mass production of love feels a bit weird.

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Here's the thing about Tiffany: It's just so freaking awesome. Sure, sneer about how you're just paying for the blue box if you must, but those diamonds are amazing. "We don't go below VS2," said the staffer helping us — not being snotty, just stating it as a matter of fact.

Tiffany's is unlike the other stores we visited in that they don't

let you mix-and-match settings and stones; company boilerplate states that this produces "disappointing aesthetics." So a one-of-a-kind ring is really not a possibility. We're willing to overlook that fact, because they're all so gut-punchingly pretty.

After eliminating the classic Tiffany solitaire and mentioning our Art Deco-centric search, the staffer brings out two rings that literally — literally-literally, not the figurative-literally that most every-

body means when they say literally — make our jaws drop. One, a 1.07 carat, F color, VS1 square-cut diamond in a platinum setting, is \$16,400. The one that almost brings out the American Express, though, is the Legacy — a 1.18 carat, G color, VS1 round cut nestled among other diamonds, all forming one sparkly, stunning circle.

At \$22,500, yes, it's insane. But the bijoux is captivating enough that both of us stand there, staring at it and grinning. Rather than buying it right then and there, we decide to go buy a car instead. Kidding.

The service is elegant without being stuffy: When we (and by "we" we mean "wingwoman") can't resist asking to see a big honking ring, he says, "I didn't show that one to you, because it's out of your price range," without apparent judgment. We weren't here to spend \$30,000 — the honking price of the honking ring — so he didn't try to upsell us.

BOTTOM LINE: Again, no seats. And, yes, it's expensive. But the magic of the blue box isn't magic at all — it's quality diamonds and high-class service. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)



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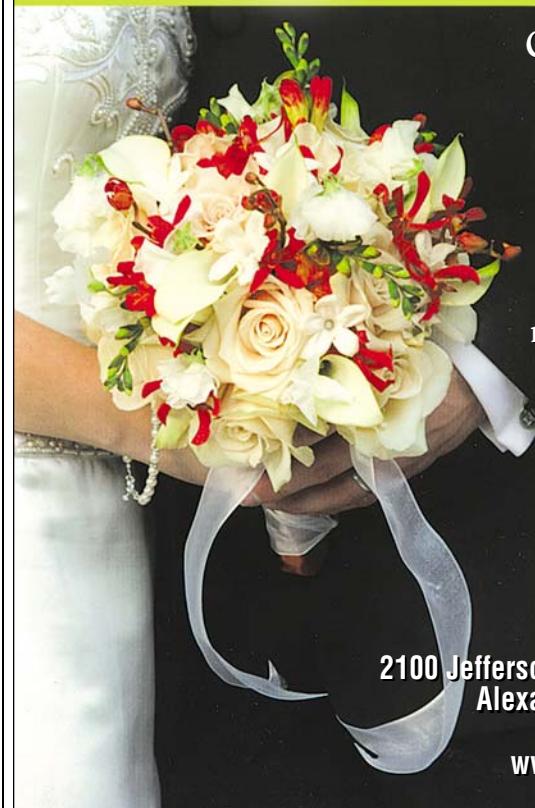
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↑ BEST PROPOSAL (TIE)

Adam and Julia Hardinger

Veggies are good for you — and your relationship. When Adam, 31, wanted to propose to his now-wife Julia, he really vegged out. "He had purchased carrots with the stems still on from the local Giant," said Julia, 37. Then, when the couple drove over to their community garden to do some work, "he said, 'Our parents are coming for dinner — why not pull some carrots and we'll cook 'em up.'" The ring was stuck on the fourth carrot she pulled. "I grew up on a farm out in Cumberland, and it's something very close to me," said Adam. "I bounced a bunch of different ideas off a bunch of different people, and that one stuck."

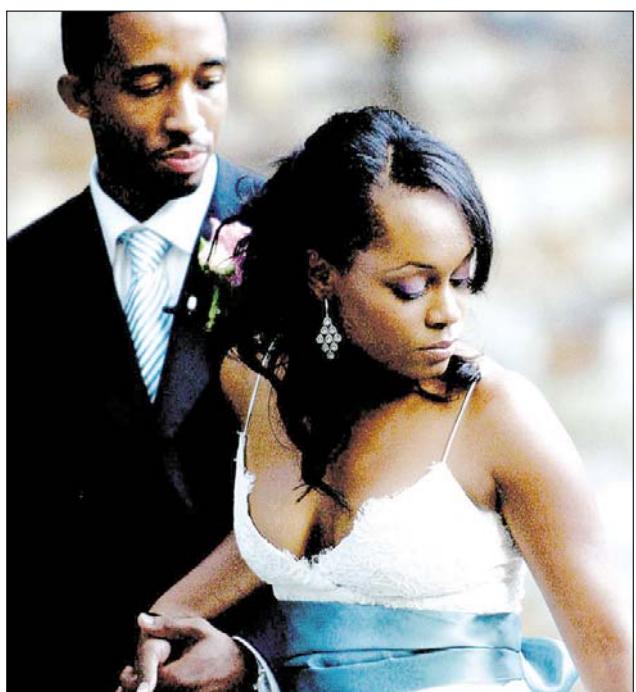
The couple married in a small ceremony on St. Lucia on Dec. 3, 2005. It wasn't ultra casual — "I still wore the dress," said Julia. "I couldn't give that up. And then we just played in the water afterwards." "There wasn't a lot of stress, and I could go scuba diving," said Adam. "That was my favorite thing."

↑ BEST PROPOSAL (TIE)

Lafayette and Natalie Melton

Lots of proposals are heart-pounding — just not like this. Driving home from dinner one night, Lafayette was pulled over (unbeknownst to Natalie, by an officer pal). "The officer yells at him to move to the rear of car, don't turn around, and put his hands on the bumper," said Natalie. Then he told Lafayette to get on his knees and remove everything from his pockets. "I turned and looked and he had a ring," said Natalie.

At their July 15 wedding in Dickerson, Md., they were prepared for the sweltering heat: "We bought fans,"



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B.I.O.

By Invitation Only, Express' regular Friday feature, provides readers a glimpse into the lives of engaged couples. And sometimes those lives are really hilarious. Our crack B.I.O. team sorted through a year's worth of first dates, proposals, cakes and fights to find pairs who really stood out. Here, we follow up with seven couples who made us laugh, made us go "awww" or just made us wish that we were invited.

KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY AND FIONA ZUBLIN (EXPRESS)



↑ BEST PROPOSAL (TIE)

Nick and Colleen Rutar

Who says comic book geeks never get the girl? "For a while I'd been making these books for her," said Nick, 27. "One chapter was our first date, and in one I'd be making dinner for her." She got a brand-new book for Valentine's Day 2005 — with an engagement ring hiding beneath a square of cardboard on the last page. Nick presented Colleen, 26, with a bent staple labeled "the key to my heart" and instructed her to use the staple to remove the square of cardboard. Why Valentine's Day? It was the only day of the year when he could dress up, make her dinner, and still not have her suspect that a proposal was imminent.

↑ BEST HONEYMOON

Douglas and Katherine Hildebrand

Bringing your work home is frowned upon, but what about bringing your work on your honeymoon? After their April 29 wedding, the pair went stormchasing in West Texas. Douglas, a 33-year-old meteorologist, bribed Katherine, 26, thus: "For every day we spent stormchasing, we had to spend an equal day someplace tropical," she said. "All we had was my cellphone and a map, and I had two coworkers lead me toward major storm systems," said Douglas. "I was a little skeptical going in, but I had a fantastic time," said Katherine. "We saw hail the size of baseballs." They even spotted a tornado before jetting off to the Bahamas. And the wedding? No storms there. "Maybe our wedding planner would say differently, but as far as we know, nothing went wrong," said Katherine.



“The officer yelled at him to move to the rear of the car and don't turn around.”

said Lafayette, 26. "And then we couldn't plug the fans in" — the mansion had no three-prong outlets. But the event was unforgettable for happier reasons: "My dad missed my wedding — he was in the hospital — and my husband gave the most beautiful tribute to him," said Natalie, 28.

➡ BEST FIGHT

Joshua and Stephanie Wolson

Love can be a turkey, and sometimes that turkey is chocolate. Stephanie, 29, and Joshua, 33, won our dubious "Best Fight" honor with an argument they had while dating. Josh's mom gave them each chocolate turkeys at Thanksgiving, and Stephanie ate hers. Then, "she kept pointing out to me that I still had mine," said Joshua, "and at some point she got upset when I was going to eat it, and she asked for some, and for whatever reason, I didn't want to share." "It was one of those ridiculous things that turned into one of those screaming arguments," said Stephanie.

"There were SWAT people in the lobby," said Stephanie

Their April 22 wedding had drama, too. "The IMF meeting was that weekend, and I think a lot of the dignitaries stayed at the Fairmont," where the wedding was, said Stephanie. "There were, like, SWAT people in the lobby."



ELENA VOLKOVA

↑ BEST IN SHOW

Michael and Jessi Baden-Campbell

Jessi and Michael caught our attention instantly. For their first date, they made up fake names and toured D.C.'s Scientology center. (Michael still uses his fake name when doing karaoke.) Also compelling: Michael, 32, proposed on the holiday of Festivus. During the Airing of Grievances, he decided "my grievance was that I had a niece who refused to acknowledge Jessi as her aunt, so I decided to do something about it." Then, their groom's cake was an "Ode to Hostess," — layers of HoHos and chocolate Twinkies covered in frosting.

During their Nov. 11 reception, the ketubah was paraded in so that guests could view it. "Some idiot put it on a ledge," said Jessi, 33. "Then, as soon as we started making these impassioned speeches, there was this huge crash. It rained glass on some people." The ketubah ended up fine, and, as Michael said, "It's just more broken glass at a Jewish wedding, so it's good luck."

“The official cake got kind of mangled,” said Michael. “It all got cut up anyway.”

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1 Princess Lace

Classic lace has made a super-sized comeback, exuding English garden-party romance that's feminine, not frou-frou. Delicate, tissue-thin Chantilly lace and heartier, often machine-made Alençon lace are both hits on today's wedding-dress circuit. And in this sweet column of crocheted lace by Claire Pettibone, you'll radiate retro glamour. (\$2,200, Promise for the Savvy Bride, 8301 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda; 301-215-9232; bracelet, \$18; earrings, \$25; headpiece, \$175; clutch, \$38; heels, \$65, Trouseau, 306 Maple Ave. W, Vienna; 703-255-3300)

2 Blue Belle of the Ball

Gwen Stefani wore hot pink. Sarah Jessica Parker opted for black. "It's still pretty rebellious to wear color," said Stefanie Halmi, bridal consultant at the Tysons Galleria branch of Saks Fifth Avenue. "It's for a bride who really wants to make a high-impact statement." A pale hue, though, isn't incompatible with tradition, as this frosty blue Kenneth Poole ball gown demonstrates. Less-daring damsels could add a bold accent—a champagne sash, a jewel-toned brooch—to a snowy dress. (\$6,900, Saks Fifth Avenue, Tysons Galleria, 703-442-3915. Cubic-zirconia tiara, \$195; earrings, \$45; necklace, \$32; opera gloves, \$45, Trouseau)

3 Runway Bride

For a look that stands up to grand chandeliers, candlelight and a black-tie dress code, go with a couture-inspired strapless straight off the red carpet. This crinkled silk taffeta Nicole Miller has an heirloom feel—but the trendy bubble-hem wouldn't look out of place on J.Lo at the Oscars. Crystal details on the bust draw the eyes upward, allowing a bride self-conscious about her bottom half to relax. (\$1,870, Nicole Miller, Tysons Galleria, 703-821-1630. Veil, \$100; cubic-zirconia earrings, \$95; bracelets, \$65 each; pearl-and-cubic zirconia tiara, \$250, Trouseau)

4 Gam Girl

You worked hard for those legs, so why not show 'em off? There are scads of reasons to hike up your hem. Comfort's one. Money's another—short dresses are typically less costly, meaning dough saved for the honeymoon. This breezy silk chiffon number, by D.C. design house Layne Corban, would be ideal for a barefoot-on-the-beach destination wedding. Just stick some flowers in the hair and you're good to go. (\$415, Layne Corban, 202-722-4705, laynecorban.com. Hair pins, \$25 each, sterling silver-and-cubic zirconia earrings, \$25; bracelet, \$45, Trouseau)

A Night to Remember

These local hotels pamper exhausted newlyweds

We know you're supposed to have swinging-from-the-chandeliers nooky on your wedding night. But after a day of smiling, hugging and trying to remember the names of your guests, maybe it's just not going to happen. Whether you're exhilarated, exhausted or both, these four local hotels can make your wedding night special, even if all you do is pull the 5,000 hairpins out of your 'do, shed the bow tie and watch "Cops." **STEPHANIE JONES**

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History buffs will appreciate the venerable Willard: The original hotel dates back to 1850, and the establishment's romantic attic suite is named for Jenny Lind, the famed 19th-century Swedish opera singer who frequented the hotel. You step first into a nook (it'd be ideal for a quiet breakfast), then head upstairs to a sitting area, bedroom and bathroom. The Jacuzzi, nestled into a recess in the wall, faces a portal window framing the Washington Monument. Enjoy the included champagne, chocolate-dipped strawberries and love poetry under the cozy hexagonal ceiling in the bedroom, and depart with a gift certificate for one night's stay in a standard room one year later.

→ Capital Night of Romance in Jenny Lind suite starts at \$2,300; Romantic Escape package (sparkling wine, flowers, chocolates) starts from \$359 in standard rooms. 1401 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-628-9100, washington.intercontinental.com

HOTEL GEORGE

Capitol Hill types, hipsters and narcissists should hit the mod, minimalist George (as in Washington) suite at the Hotel George for mirrors, mirrors, mirrors. One giant rectangular model hangs above the bed — not on the ceiling, alas, just on the wall, reflecting the room's soothing tan



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decor. Mirrors also crowd the bathroom, which also manages to hold a generous tub and a two-person glass shower boasting a built-in bench. The romance package buys you a bottle of Tattinger, a CD of swoony songs and a woodsy-smelling candle. And though room service only goes till 10:30 p.m., Bistro Bis is right downstairs for brunch.

ROUND HERE: The Willard's Jenny Lind suite has an impressive view of the Washington Monument. Just hope there aren't any tourists with binoculars looking your way from the top.

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→ Romance on Capitol Hill (available Thursday through Sunday): George Suite \$650, Deluxe King \$259; 15 E St. NW; 202-347-4200; hotelgeorge.com

MANDARIN ORIENTAL

Among the standout features of the Mandarin Oriental Presidential suite are the Tidal Basin views and the dramatic black bedframe. Or, skip that and stay in the cavernous glass-enclosed shower, which sports two monsoon showerheads (75 jets

The cavernous shower sports two monsoon heads with 75 jets each.

each!) and 18 jets mounted on the walls. If you don't need the grand piano, chess set, workout room and office, the Water Premiere rooms are lovely as well. Order chocolate fondue, or have a spa therapist run a bath. Plus, National Airport is only about 10 minutes away.

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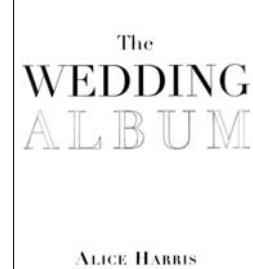


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The Wedding Album, by Alice Harris (\$50, PowerHouse)



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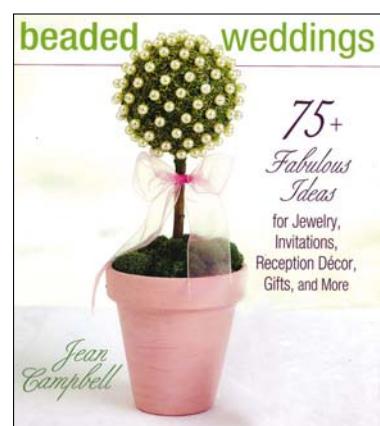
And, call us hopeless romantics, but we just have a good feeling about those Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward kids. The section on offbeat weddings is fun, too, with couples on roller coasters, in hot-air balloons, atop high wires, in ice castles and completely naked. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

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If you're going to drop all of that money on one measly white dress, you might as well look damn good in it. Trainer Marie Forleo is here to guide you with a four-pronged plan: cardio for general slimming, upper body for sleek shoulders, lower body for garter-worthy legs and core for flat tummies. Thankfully, Forleo doesn't get all bridezilla on the viewers, only occasionally referencing the upcoming event. (During the cardio kickboxing, though, she does yell, "Show me that engagement ring!") You might want to save one of the extras, "Love Your Honeymoon," for the bachelorette party. It's Forleo's introduction to stripping. A good tip: Take your top off with your back to your groom, so he won't see if you scrunch up your face. And a removed shirt can substitute for handcuffs! VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)



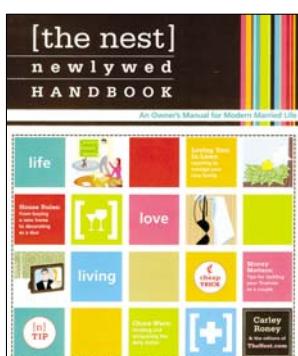
Beaded Weddings, by Jean Campbell (\$25, Interweave)



For those brides who want to DIY, this book contains over 75 ways to bead the heck out of everything at your wedding, with such detailed instructions we nearly went blind. While the invites struck us as a bit over the top, the beaded cake toppers, ranging from kitschy to ultra-modern, were cute. And the custom jewelry and tiaras are good ways to stand out in your bridal attire and give your attendants some gifts they might actually use. But these projects are complex: Do not start the night before the wedding. K.P.K.

The Nest Newlywed Handbook, by Carley Roney (\$23)

A wedding can be so stressful that you might forget the challenges of actually being married, until said challenges make you insane. This guide intersperses advice-filled chapters on sex and in-laws with compatibility quizzes and wisdom from TheNest.com, the TheKnot.com spin-off Web site that inspired the book. It's admirable that Roney addresses the everyday minutia that can drive newlyweds up the wall, like eating habits, birth control and mattresses. Seriously, is he going to leave his wet towels on the bed for the rest of your lives? FIONA ZUBLIN (EXPRESS)



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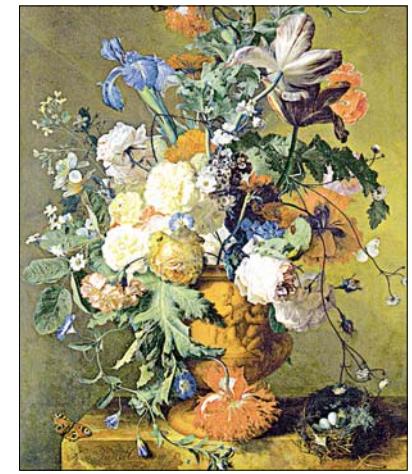
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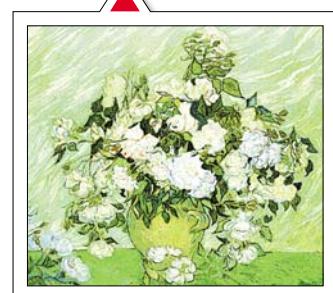
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Off the Wall

Floral inspiration from D.C.'s art museums

The problem with bridal magazines? Every woman in the hemisphere has the same four. Which means they're all bringing their florists the exact same pictures. We say, who needs wedding mags when we live in one of the museum capitals of the world! We asked four local florists to create arrangements inspired by works adorning the walls of Washington galleries. And don't let our choices limit you. You could use an image from the National Portrait Gallery and inform guests your bouquet is based on Mary Todd Lincoln's in a Mathew Brady photo, or head to the Hirshhorn for a truly post-modern posy.

KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)



Way to Van Gogh

Party like it's 1890, which is when Vincent van Gogh painted "Roses." Katie Martin of Elegance and Simplicity (301-656-5560, eleganceandsimplicity.com) modernized the one-eared wonder's work by incorporating apples, hydrangea, viburnum, green parrot tulips and jeweled accents for a centerpiece that would star at a funky spring wedding. (National Gallery of Art, Gift of Pamela Harriman in memory of W. Averell Harriman; on view in the West Building, gallery 84)



Small And Sweet

May Bernhardt of Mayflowers (703-709-1200, mayflowersinc.com) sweetly reinterpreted American modernist Marsden Hartley's 1942 "Wild Roses." His abstracted blooms live again via a subdued nosegay of roses and camellia leaves, wrapped in a frothy, moss-green cloth. The creation calls for an intimate summer wedding and a bride who knows that big isn't the only way to be beautiful. A smaller version would be adorable in the hands of a flower girl. (On view at the Phillips Collection)

Getting The Blues

We gave Philippa Tarrant (Philippa Tarrant Floral Design, 202-413-8562, philippatarrant.com) "Giant Magnolias on a Blue Velvet Cloth," painted by American artist Martin Johnson



Heade around 1890; the white flowers were one of his fave subjects. She gave us mini anthuriums flanked by aspidistra leaves and tied with blue satin. (Gift of The Circle of the National Gallery of Art in Commemoration of its 10th Anniversary; on view in the West Building, gallery 69)

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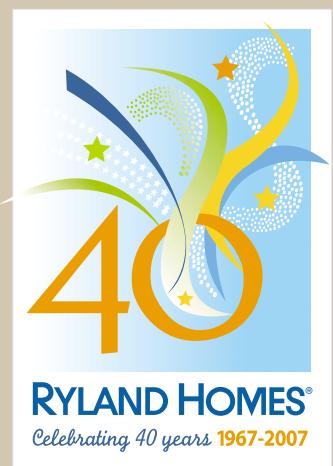
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Shake Up Baking

Daring hues and non-traditional toppers enliven wedding cakes

Selecting the most important dessert of one's life used to be a simple procedure. After all, wedding cakes were always three things: round, tiered and white. But the classic bride and groom topper has toppled from its former popularity, shapes are shifting and color is creeping in. It's a whole new world of bridal baked goods, which means engaged couples have their work (and several layered slices) cut out for them.

"The cake is my number three or four priority, somewhere after the venue and flowers. I want something that stands out," said 27-year-old Saleena Jain while flipping through books of pictures during an open house at Silver Spring's Creative Cakes two weeks ago. "I like the idea of tiers connected with a bridge."

A similar passion for personalization is spreading, noted Narcisa Vieira-Castillo of Cakes Unique (703-533-0649, cakes-unique.com), whose specialty is fantastical creations. "People are thinking about the cake as an integral part of the theme," she explained. "They want cakes in different shapes. I had one client who wanted one in the shape of the Guggenheim."

It's hip to be square, according to Spencer Biles, owner of Creative Cakes (8814 Brookville Rd., Silver Spring; 301-587-1599; creativecakes.com). His offerings include confections resembling stacks of boxes topped with ribbon, or clients can slip a square tier or two into a traditional round cake. And at the Great Bridal Expo at the Renaissance Hotel downtown earlier this month, 29-year-old bride-to-be Rhacquel Munsayac gushed about going hexagonal with her raspberry-filled almond cake: "It's a Martha Stewart-type thing."

Even when couples stick to circular styles, they're often bold about hue. "People aren't afraid of color anymore," said Leslie Goldman-Poyourow of Fancy Cakes By



THINK PINK: "Today" show viewers voted this Fancy Cakes by Leslie design the winner of the "Today Throws a Hometown Wedding" cake challenge in 2005.



MMM ... WEDDED BLISS: A topper masterpiece from Cakes Unique.

Leslie (253 Market Street West, Gaithersburg; 301-548-9390; fancycakesbyleslie.com). "I've done fluorescents — bright salmon orange with edible gold flowers, she

said. "That's a cake you'd notice." Bridesmaids' dress colors — pink, sage, celadon — are ending up on the frosting, too. And designs are getting increasingly elaborate, with couples requesting intricate detailing; Poyourow noted that Henna looks are all the rage.

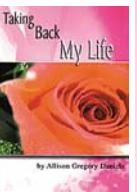
"People used to want vanilla cake and buttercream frosting, and now they're asking for chocolate-mousse filling and a cake that's avocado green or light purple," agreed Devlin DiBitetto of Hollin Hall Pastry Shop (7920 Fort Hunt Rd., Alexandria; 703-768-9643; hollinhaltpastry.com).

These wild final products aren't just wowing guests in the reception hall, Poyourow said. Unlike white cakes with white frosting that can wash out in pictures, bright concoc-

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tions continue to make a splash in the photo album. To make sure the cakes are seen in their full glory, couples are even ordering special lighting.

Appearances aren't the only concern, of course. Although stiff, smooth fondant icing is often required for bolder colors and designs (Vieira-Castillo says she's getting more and more requests), it tends to be easier on the eyes than the taste buds. When Allyson Leven and Alain Taylor walked into Creative Cakes' open house, they were set on fondant until they heard what Biles had to say: "Fondant tastes like edible Play-Doh. It's just sugar and water." After a taste test, Taylor vetoed it.

Plain old yellow cake is facing stiff compe-



BUTTERFLY BEAUTY: Fancy Cakes by Leslie offers a winged take on traditional. The topper: branches instead of a bride and groom.



tion from flavor newcomers, like mandarin orange from Creative Cakes and Cakes Unique's passion fruit. Poyourow's lime curd filling is hot this summer, and she's recently been overwhelmed with orders for carrot cake. "I have no idea why, but that's how trends happen,"

she said.

The most universal trend seems to be non-traditional toppers. Creative Cakes has a shelf of them, but Biles admitted they're just for show. Unless someone has an antique miniature bride and groom that's passed through the family, virtually everyone is opting for something else.

A bouquet has become the new standard, but Vieira-Castillo gets a fair number of requests for edible sculptures and monograms. A

THE BLUES: Color doesn't scare customers at Hollin Hall Pastry Shop, which whipped up this azure baby.

Doctor Seuss-meets-Alexander Calder wire construction tops one design; three intertwined gold mandalas grace another. Her most memorable creation? One she created of Marge and Homer Simpson in full wedding regalia.

Toppers are an issue couples don't have to deal with at all if they choose a cupcake tree. It's a popular alternative at several spots, especially Cakelove, the bakery on U Street and in Silver Spring known for its bite-sized delights (see cakelove.com for info). Chris Spinosa, head baker at the U Street location, said couples are going the cupcake route to offer guests a greater variety of flavors. Plus, it helps that they average out to \$2.75 each, a bargain considering the bakery's wedding cakes start at \$4.50 per person.

Lori Hodo, who spotted a cupcake tree at the Creative Cakes open house, was intrigued. "I like the idea, but it's hard to cut a cupcake together," she said.

Tradition may be fun to mess with, but it's not licked yet. Except off a plate. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

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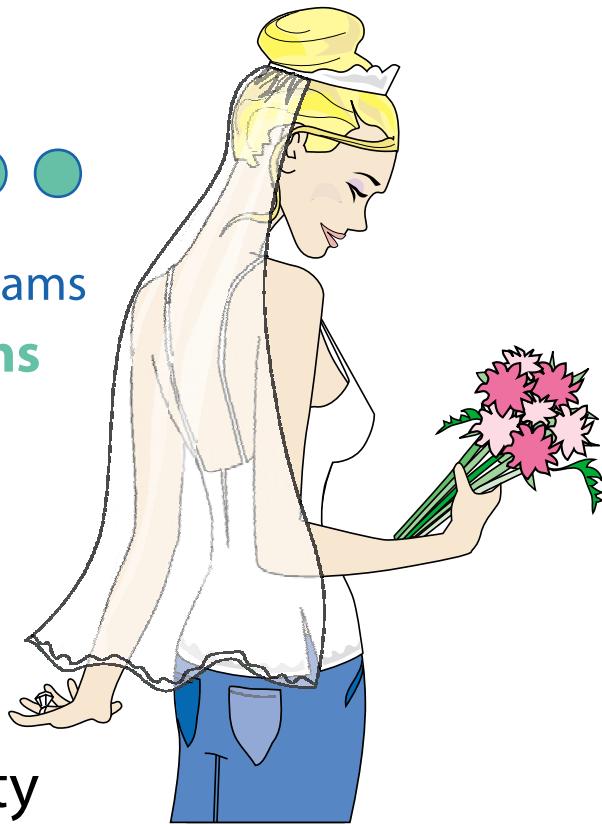
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Not Just for Doilies

Brides looking for romantic gowns think the lace is ace

So many brides love tradition and romance. They love dancing and cake, and they love lace.

"Every bride wants to look like Cinderella," said Mark Badgley, half of the design duo Badgley Mischka. "They might come in with crazy ideas about their gown, but it always goes back to something traditional, gorgeous, a

Grace Kelly sort of number."

Adds partner James Mischka: "Almost every bride wants to look pretty and traditional, even the most avant-garde rock 'n' roll chick. Lace covers both ends of the spectrum."

As a fabric, designers said, delicate lace is surprisingly adaptable. It can be used in a classic silhouette — Badgley Mischka's cap-sleeve gown in sheer Chantilly lace, for example, with a chiseled bodice and lace godets at the hem to give the dress volume — or something edgier: perhaps designer Melissa Sweet's "patchwork" lace dress, a collage of seven kinds of lace.

"This is about how lace does not look like your mother's wedding dress," explains Sweet, who said she's drawn to the fabric because it's romantic, but tries to use it in modern, unexpected ways.

Sweet notes that lace has been a trend in ready-to-wear collections the past few seasons, which ultimately influences the bridal market.

"Lace is feminine and airy and romantic, and that's how you feel when you wear lace," said designer Amsale Aberra. And, she adds, it also can be very sexy.

Aberra just put the finishing touches on an Amsale gown that she said has the grandness of a ball-

“Almost every bride wants to look pretty and traditional”

JAMES MISCHKA, DESIGNER

gown but, because of its bare back, is equally sensual. "It's a gown you'd expect from charmeuse but not lace, yet it's the perfect combination."

Mostly, Aberra uses lace to help define the area the bride most wants to highlight, whether it's her bust, midriff or hemline. "I

like this mix of modern traditional. Lace symbolizes a wedding dress — no question about it — and when it's done right, it's so beautiful but it also can be unexpected."

Lace became standard in bridal attire in the 19th century when it was wildly popular in all of fashion, according to Valerie Steele,

FOR LOVE & LACE

1. Using lace as a gown's primary fabric gives it a romantic, vintage feel. This Monique Lhuillier dress, on the 2006 runways, is delicate and demure without being stodgy.

2. The open back brings a hint of sexiness that keeps the gown contemporary.

3. Even brides with more modern leanings can incorporate lace into their attire. This Amsale Collection gown combines a curve-hugging mermaid shape with lace edging at the neck and front, as well as a tulle pouf and a chapel-length train. The ruched bodice is forgiving of virtually any tummy.

director of the Museum at the Fashion Institute of Technology in Manhattan.

"People were crazy for lace. ... People really knew their lace. You could tell handmade lace from machine-made lace. That's all gotten blurry now," Steele said.

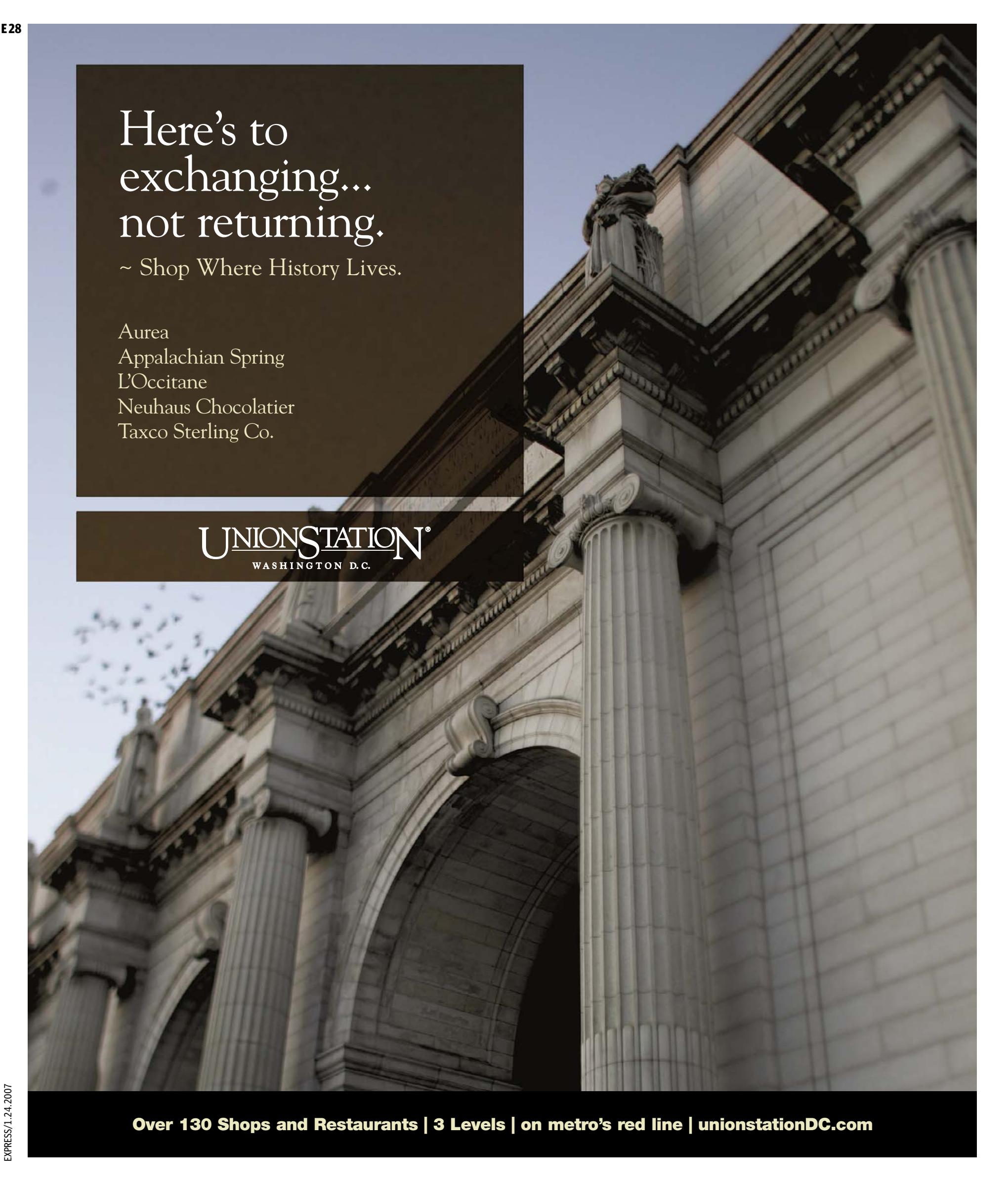
The popularity of machine-made lace — no matter how good it was — might have led to lace's decline around the turn of the 20th century by degrading its value.

In addition, fashion moves in cycles; while lace was part of the "delicate and peekaboo aesthetic" of the 19th century, the 20th century quickly embraced a more revealing look, eschewing lace for bare skin. And fewer people had maids and servants to hand-wash the lace, Steele said, leading it to fall further out of favor.

Women were charmed by the femininity of lace, however, and it soon started to appear on lingerie, eveningwear and then again on bridal gowns.

An all-over lace gown will cost you, though. Lace is expensive, even the machine-made type, because it's labor intensive and delicate. Not that most brides care.

"Brides are willing to pay whatever it takes to look fabulous," Moore said. SAMANTHA CRITCHELL (AP)



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